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SOVIET STAND BRINGS UNITY AGAINST ITALY

Two L. A. Unemployed Leaders Freed By Mass Pressure

JOBLESS UNION HITS MILITARY THREAT ON WPA

DEMAND NO RECRUITING
IN ARMY IN RELIEF
OFFICES IN S. F.

Militarization Move

MOVE BEGINS FOR UNITY
BETWEEN UNEMPLOYED
AND A. F. OF L.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—A mass meeting of three hundred workers at 68 Haight street last night passed the following resolution: "We the County Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations, do vigorously protest the establishment of recruiting stations for military purposes within or near any WPA relief stations and their subsidiaries, whether within San Francisco or any other part of California."

This resolution, addressed to Cecil L. Dunn, assistant administrator of S.E.R.A. and P.W.A. at 450 Mission street, and to Frank Y. McLaughlin, state administrator, Harry L. Hopkins, National Relief Administrator, and to President Roosevelt, followed disclosure of the issuance of this order by Mr. Dunn:

To: (All Dist. Administrative Supervisors.)
From: Cecil L. Dunn.

Subject: Recruiting.
This will advise you that this Administration has extended to Captain C. E. Steele of the Presidio of San Francisco, permission to station recruiting officers in the District Offices.

Will you kindly give representatives of Captain Steele your fullest cooperation in this matter.

(Signed)
Cecil L. Dunn.

The threat implied in this order of the Army recruiting in the relief agencies was vigorously protested by the workers, and it was voted that a mass delegation from the meeting should visit Mr. Dunn and verbally protest this action, besides mailing in the protest resolution.

Also, the meeting thoroughly scored the role of the Relief Administration in conscripting the unemployed to work at scab wages under slave conditions in the Sonoma County hop fields. Speakers pointed out that this hop field conscription had been stopped by the effective campaign of the organized unemployed against it.

When Sid Williams, secretary of the County Federation of Unemployed, as spokesman for the mass committee of 100 workers, presented this protest to Mr. Dunn, the latter told them he "couldn't rescind the action, as I am only an assistant administrator."

* Promised Reply.

When pressed by the committee he promised to refer the demand to County WPA Administrator Porter and County S.E.R.A. Administrator Small and would have their answer for the committee when it returned on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Mr. Dunn explained that the order had been issued after Capt. Steele of the 130th Infantry had requested it to aid in fulfilling the military quota. Miss Thornby, a member of the workers' committee, retorted that "The CCC started under similar harmless pretexts, and now they have full military training for the unemployed boys in those camps."

The workers decidedly stated that they had no intention of being intimidated into joining the army of
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Seamen May Meet With Shipowners

Federation President in Canada Seeking
Settlement of Strike and Release of
Five Scab Loaded Vessels

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Harry Lundberg, president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast this week was to go to Vancouver, B. C., to make arrangements for the settling of the strike of maritime workers there, leading to the release of five ships now held up in Vancouver and San Francisco with scab cargo aboard.

Shipowners today replied to the second request from the International Seamen's Union for negotiations regarding clarification of the Seamen's Award. The employers indicated they would negotiate but declared the five scab load ships must be released.

In reply to this seamen requested a meeting of the negotiations committee of workers and shipowners and declared the offer of the employers to renew agreements if the British Columbia boycott was lifted, was not acceptable to them. The seamen pointed out a discussion of the agreement is a part of collective bargaining.

The release of these ships, the shipowners' letter stated, must be the first order of business when negotiations start. Two federal mediators, E. H. Fitzgerald and E. P. Marsh, are in San Francisco preparatory to taking part in the negotiations.

Spokesmen for the seamen pointed out again today that the maritime workers are not seeking a new agreement but merely a clearing up of the dubious points of the awards. Could these points be clarified, the necessity for job action on the part of the seamen in attempting to enforce conditions guaranteed to them, would be eliminated.

* Vigilantes Active.

At the same time reports of vigilante intimidation against members of waterfront unions increased while the Chamber of Commerce announced in paid advertisements in all local capitalist papers their intention of backing the shipowners up and down the Pacific Coast. The Chamber of Commerce action, following on the heels of similar announcements from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the self-styled "Committee of 1000" has awakened
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SAN FRANCISCO LABOR ELECTION DRIVE STARTED

PACKED HOUSE EXPECTED
AT AUDITORIUM RALLY
ON SEPTEMBER 22

Bridges to Speak

REDFERN MASON, MOSELEY
JONES AND OTHERS
ON PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—The United Labor Party's campaign for the municipal election will hit full stride with the mass meeting and ratification conference, to be held Sept. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

Organizations which have not already done so are urged to elect delegates on the basis of one to each fifty members, who will be seated on the lower floor under the banner of their organization. With sixty-five organizations, numbering 46,000 members, participating in the last convention, it is expected that around a thousand delegates will be present, and the Auditorium packed to capacity. Admission will be free.

* Many Speakers

At the Convention the candidates and platform already set up will receive final approval, together with any changes that may be found necessary. The Labor Ticket represents the fusion of various labor and liberal organizations for the purpose of kicking out the Rossi machine now in power in the city of San Francisco, and electing to office a slate of candidates who will be pledged to serve in the interests of labor.

Speakers so far secured include Redfern Mason, president of the Northern California Newspaper Guild and labor candidate for mayor, William Moseley Jones, Epic - Democratic Assemblyman from Los Angeles, Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's Association, Anita Whitney, of the Communist Party and candidate for supervisor, Lawrence Ross, Ben Legere, Herbert Mills, candidate for sheriff, Tanna Alex, and Even E. Wattles, and Henry
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New Jersey AFL In Mooney Plea

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 11.—The annual convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor today sent resolutions to Governor Meriam of California and President Roosevelt demanding the release of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings from San Quentin and Folsom prisons.

The resolution, unanimously passed, pointed out that the frame-up of Mooney and Billings had been accomplished with perjured testimony and that the state witnesses have since admitted that they lied on the witness stand.

HEARST PICKET TRIAL SEPT. 18

Smash Hearst Drive
Protests Pour in on
L. A. Mayor

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Sept. 12.—"Smash the Fascist drive of William Randolph Hearst" is the current slogan here as workers are sending in strong protests to the brutality of police officers and their cohorts from the Los Angeles Examiner in breaking up an anti-Hearst picket line in front of the newspaper office a week ago today.

Trial date of the five imprisoned workers arrested following the riot at the Examiner Building was advanced until September 18, due to the fact that Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney, is busy on other cases.

The defendants are Nino Reyes and Charles Sylverberg, charged with "disturbing the peace" and resisting an officer; Jack Ginsburg, M. E. Freeman and J. C. Honeycomb, charged with trying to establish a boycott and violation of the anti-picket ordinance.

They will be tried in Municipal Court on that date, and workers are urged to help free these victims of Hearst terror by packing the courtroom and by sending protests demanding their release to Calendar Judge Benj. Schein
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TWO DISMISSED IN BELVEDERE EVICTION CASE

MASS PRESSURE STOPPED
FRAME-UP OF CHAMPION
AND HENDRICKS

Third to Be Tried

I.L.D. CALLS FOR PROTEST
ON LINCOLN HEIGHTS
JAIL CONDITIONS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—Mass pressure of aroused workers in the Belvedere area today won the dismissal of charges against Mrs. Jean Hendricks, Public Works and Unemployed Union member, and Clyde Champion, Belvedere Sub-section organizer of the Communist Party.

Justice Gates dismissed the trumped-up charges of resisting an officer, illegal assemblage, illegal possession of private property, etc., when a crowd of 500 workers gathered at the Montebello Justice Court. Capitalist papers said the dismissal "averted what might have been a serious riot."

The freedom of these workers was an important victory registered by the International Labor Defense, which handled the defense of Mrs. Hendricks and Champion. Mrs. Josephine Goldbaum, who was arrested on similar charges at the same time, when workers were protesting eviction of Mrs. Hendricks and her invalid sister-in-law, Mrs. Nell Dutton, pleaded not guilty but asked for a court trial, which is set for Sept. 27.

* "No Justice in Law."

On August 23 Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Dutton were evicted by order of police officers, but neighbors rallied to place the furniture back in the house. Officers then arrested the three workers. When they were arraigned the following day, workers were barred from the court room by order of Justice Gates, who said: "There is no such thing as justice in the law!"

The same two hundred workers immediately held a meeting and an Emergency Defense Committee
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War Unavoidable Says Mussolini

Italy Protests Firm Soviet Peace Stand—
France Asks Britain for Sanction
Aid Against All Invaders

ADDIS ABABA.—Ethiopian monarch makes desperate attempt to buy off Italian invasion with territorial concessions. Secret document reported to state Italy's military moves begin Sept. 20. Troops withdrawn from frontier where Italian forces are concentrated. Wild appeal to League of Nations for determined action to rally anti-Italian action.

LONDON.—Organized labor stands firmly opposed to Mussolini's arrogant desire for conquest, and supports stand of Federation of Trade Unions for full endorsement of League of Nations united action against Italy.

SOVIET UNION.—Entire press and trade unions of 19 million membership express gratification of response of British trade union movement to request for united action against war and fascism. Stands firmly before statements made by Litvinoff before League Council on Sept. 5.

ITALY.—Feverish war preparations continue, with ten millions now reported called to colors or mobilized in labor battalions as virtual conscripts in war machine. Prices rise. Revolt continues to spread in spite of terrific repression.

NEW YORK.—Central Committee of Communist Party issues appeal to Socialist Party for unity of action against war.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sailors' Union of the Pacific endorses anti-war resolution to be presented to State Federation of Labor convention next Monday at San Diego.

PARIS.—France asks Great Britain to support action against aggressor in Europe, undoubtedly with Germany in mind, as she indicates support for united front of nations against Italy's aggression.

GENEVA.—Reports indicate that Hitler will declare his support of Great Britain's stand in speech next Sunday.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of State Hull makes statement asking nations to observe terms of Kellogg pact to avoid war.

NEW YORK.—Medical forces are being recruited and medical supplies gathered both here and in London by the committees to support Ethiopia. Many doctors and nurses have already indicated their willingness to serve abroad, and some forces are already on their way.

GENEVA, Sept. 13.—It was reported here today that Italy had strongly protested against the speech of Litvinoff, Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union, made before the League of Nations Council on Sept. 5. In his speech Litvinoff stated in plain terms that Italy was asking the League to contain military measures against an innocent nation on behalf of naked imperialist conquest, and that such action was intolerable to civilized nations. "No military measures are justified except in the case of invasion by conquering powers," he said.

His frank statement, result of the unaltered peace policy of the Soviet Union that startled the nations by its simple proposal of direct anti-war pacts, reverberated throughout the European nations and labor circles, with the result that the smaller nations have at last come forward to build a block of powers ready to support concerted action against Italy in case of need.

Thus the Netherlands stated its position in this respect, and was followed by other nations, Spain, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Their stand echoes that of Great Britain, who through Sir Samuel Hoare called for "collective re-
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Appeal For Unity to San Diego A. F. of L. Delegates

Statement By the District Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.

TO THE STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR
DELEGATES:

The necessity of unity in the California labor movement is more vital today than ever before.

Since the last convention, the large employers have come out more openly in their attacks against the labor movement. The Open Shop forces have already taken the first steps in the campaign to cripple the unions and introduce fascism. The vigilante attacks of Amador and Sonoma Counties have been followed by the declaration of San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce to the effect that through their "Committee of 1,000" they will enforce "peace" on the San Francisco waterfront. That this is a fascist development on a wide scale is indicated by the immediate endorsement of this movement by the Chambers of Commerce in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, and Los Angeles.

The shipowners supported by these groups have laid down an ultimatum to the maritime unions that they will not deal with them until their militant leaders have been removed. They want to dictate terms to labor. A victory here would lead to further attacks everywhere.

This union-smashing proposal has received the support of a few traitorous reactionary labor officials of the Scharrenburg type. Such vicious attacks against the progressive, militant and Communistic elements in the labor movement

can only serve the interests of the Open Shop forces.

* Labor Must Fight Reactionaries

Organized labor must become the backbone of the forces that will and can defeat vigilantism and other forerunners of fascism. The Communists in the trade unions as well as the Communist Party as a whole realize the need for the utmost unity both inside the labor movement and among the unorganized workers in order to protect the most elementary democratic rights of the workers.

Delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention this year face a greater responsibility than ever before. The employers not only have their own organizations, but have their representation inside the ranks of labor, and are prepared to use these "safe and sane" men to gain control of the unions, lull the membership to sleep or frighten them from militant action by "red scares," and ultimately slip over legislation to curb strike action and stifle the independent action of the trade unions.

The official report itself indicates this danger, but minimizes its importance. This is part and parcel of the campaign to re-elect Paul Scharrenburg, who was exposed on anti-union grounds and expelled from the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, an action endorsed by many other unions when they heard representatives of the Sailors' Union read the "Scharrenburg expulsion story,"

—which is available to all convention delegates and should be carefully read.

* New Political Outlook Necessary

In line with the general attempt to cripple union militants is the campaign to steer unionists once more into the old political channels. But this is already meeting with nation-wide resistance, and so far not a single state convention this year has failed to note the new political needs of the day.

What are these needs?

Primarily, the formation of a United Labor Party, or the running of United Labor Tickets as in San Francisco, Detroit, and other cities, uniting the forces of organized labor, white-collar workers, professionals, and the lower middle-class in general behind a unified program of immediate demands upon which all elements, including Socialists, Epics, Utopians, Communists, Independent Democrats and others can agree. Only in this way can the offensive of the employing class and their reactionary allies be defeated. Unionists may well pay attention to developments in New Jersey, and in Connecticut, where a state-wide referendum of Federation members is being taken on this question.

Labor is awakening to this pressing need of independent political action, combining all the fighting forces of labor and professional, farmer, and middle-class allies, all workers by hand or brain. Such unity will preserve labor's gains

in trade union standards of wages; will defeat will prevent the use of police power to break strikes and shoot down our fellow workers. We must equip ourselves to fight the bosses politically as well as by strike action.

At the present stage of events, trade unionism is incomplete without such unified militant political action, and those leaders who work to prevent this are working against the interests of organized labor.

The answer to our problem is the United Labor Party, locally, state-wide, and eventually nationally. This alone is the true perspective of labor in defense of trade unionism.

* Auxiliary Unions Needed

Another extremely important matter to be considered by the delegates is the question of organizing the agricultural workers into auxiliary unions of the A.F. of L. No group of workers is as cruelly exploited as these workers, and the utmost terror has been directed against them throughout the entire state.

With what consequences? Using the infamous Criminal Syndicalism law to persecute and jail agricultural union organizers, the rich growers and bankers have driven wages down; and then organized vigilantes as in Santa Rosa to keep them down. This in turn forces the unemployed to work for scab pay, and is therefore linked up with W.P.A. scheme of reducing union scales of pay on projects—
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MARINE UNIONS DEMAND NEW CONTRACTS FROM SHIPOWNERS

Radio Telegraphers, Masters, Mates and Pilots, Marine Engineers and I.S.U. Seek Changes

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ened the rank and file of both maritime and shore-side unions to the necessity of united action leading to protection of the unions and their memberships from a repetition of last year's reign of vigilante terror.

The shipowners are 90 per cent organized on the Pacific Coast. Two associations, the Shipowners' Association of the Pacific Coast, representing the intercoastal and steam schooner operators, and the Pacific American Shipowners' Association, representing the deep-sea craft, are chiefly concerned in the agreements now in force.

The American Radio Telegraphers' Association, the Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, representing the bulk of the remaining maritime workers, also are seeking clarification of their awards. These three organizations are not affiliated to the International Seamen's Union.

Both off-shore and steam schooner seamen are seeking payment for overtime work performed, instead of vague promises of "time off in port" as shipowners are allowed to make under present agreements. Both seamen groups also are seeking wage increases and a general clearing up of the award leading to the establishment of seamen of working conditions under an agreement similar to that won by longshoremen as a result of the 1934 maritime and general strike.

The employers, during the time the agreements have been in operation, have attempted to chisel on the seamen time and again. When the workers took job action the shipowners have raised a hue and cry about the "breaking of the agreement," and have constantly used the capitalist press in an effort to swing opinion against the workers.

It is this situation which the maritime workers are attempting to remedy.

BARGE SETTLEMENT LOOMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Striking bargemen are expected to sign agreements with at least eight operating firms before the week is out. The agreements will be made on a basis of the original demands put forward by the bargemen and call for wage raises, the eight-hour day and 55 cents per hour overtime, running time.

Three firms still are holding out. They are the River Lines, the Larkin Transportation Co., and the Petaluma-Santa Rosa operators. Cargo recently brought from Sacramento on two ships manned by officials of these firms, is on docks.

* **Cargo Tied Up.** Longshoremen are not handling "hot" stuff and several shipments consigned to off-shore vessels have missed sailings. A move to break the strike announced by Fay of the River Lines, and other officials, failed to materialize this week. Only two boats have made the trip from Sacramento.

Clive "Dirty" Deal, head of the Ferryboatmen's Union here, and active at one time in recruiting scabs for the barge owners, has not appeared in his office at the Ferry building since the rank and file voted down one of his phony proposals for unemployment insurance more than a month ago.

The status of the Ship Scalers' strike here remained unchanged. Scalers in San Pedro have refused to work for the Martin Ship Service, contractors who precipitated the lock-out and strike here.

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CONCENTRATION CAMP LIKE CCC, NAZI DECLARES

VISITOR SEES LIKENESS TO GERMANY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9.—Official confirmation establishing the fact that CCC camps are nothing more than concentration camps, similar to those in Nazi Germany, was made when a copy of the "CCC News," published at Fort MacArthur for this district, reached here today.

The official newspaper distributed among the CCC boys recorded the inspection tour, "no less exacting because unofficial," of Dr. Siegfried von Ciriacy-Wantrup, professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Bonn, Germany, accompanied by an army officer from district headquarters.

The inspection was made of the following camps: Monrovia Co. 1983, Dalton Canyon Co. 1946, Moorpack Co. 1969 and Sonis Co. 2931.

The direct quotation from the "CCC News" follows:

"Familiarity with Germany's concentration camps, which, similar to the CCC, are made up of units of 125 men each working on forest, irrigation, and soil conservation and reclamation projects, had prepared the distinguished visitor for some of the camp features to be found in this country, but he expressed surprise at the consideration given to the comfort, welfare, educational opportunities, and recreation of enrollees."

To quote further:

"Dr. Ciriacy is on a year's leave of absence from his university and previously had visited CCC camps in other parts of the country. He was introduced to the Fort MacArthur district and its camps by a letter from Col. Duncan K. Major, of the General Staff Corps, Washington."

This official confirmation, published in the "CCC News" in the issue of the week of Aug. 26 last, completely authenticates previous articles in the Western Worker pointing out the similarity, lacking only in degree, between the CCC camps and the notorious concentration camps instituted in Germany by Hitler. Needless to say, Dr. Ciriacy and his army guide did not discuss the strike actions and mass protest which have gained "consideration" and improved conditions.

STRIKE CLOSES SIMMONS PLANT

400 Solid in Fight For Recognition Of Union

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The Simmons Bed Company plant which covers three city blocks at Bay and Powell streets is completely shut down in the strike which began last Monday morning. Approximately 400 workers, including about 40 women, have walked out, demanding recognition of their union, the Furniture Workers' International Union, Local No. 1541, and wage adjustments.

The employees in this plant work on a piece-work basis and the jobs are so arranged that their weekly wage is decidedly unfair. They demand that a guaranteed minimum wage be established.

The struggle with the Simmons Co. has been going on for months. This company attempting to force a company union on its employees and discriminating against members of the A. F. of L. local. About two months ago two of the most active members of Local 1541 were "laid off"—obviously for their union activity—and have not been rehired.

Before the strike the A. F. of L. local had about 150 dues-paid members in good standing, but as soon as the struggle began the entire personnel of the Simmons Bed plant joined up, the members of the company union included, and it now has in the neighborhood of 400.

Well-captioned picket squads surround the plant in rotating hourly shifts, each man taking his turn. The teamsters were handing from the plant until noon of the first day, but this morning teamsters were on the picket line. When questioned by a Western Worker reporter they say they "just happened to be there." But there was no hauling being done at that time.

So far the company has not tried to start any violence nor has it tried to bring in any scabs. Mr. A. H. Baker, co. vice-president, still refuses to deal with the Union or discuss its grievances before the Labor Relations Board as the Union has offered to do.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

Hollywood Shoots Waterfront

TWO MOVIES WILL ATTACK MARITIME WORKERS

Strikes With a Hearst Angle

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 12.—The gentlemen who are responsible for our movies are doing something about the coast-wide waterfront crisis Mr. William Randolph Hearst has informed them may occur any minute.

"Riff-Raff," a vicious anti-working class, anti-union film starring those two stellar box-office idols, Jean Harlow and Spencer Tracy is being rushed to conclusion by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Warner Brothers, Hearst's studio face, is producing "The Frisco Kid," an idealization of vigilante terror, starring James Cagney whose box-office appeal is calculated to bring added millions into the picture houses across the country for a bit of Hollywood "education."

"Riff-Raff" is the most vicious of the two. The scene is laid in a waterfront town resembling San Pedro. The workers are fishermen, members of a union, which operates under a five-year agreement (read Award) with the business-like, terse Greek boss whose gruff exterior conceals a heart of gold.

"Red" Belcher is the villain and the Communist in the picture. Waterfront workers are represented by Pops, drunken, broken-down father of the heroine. The Communist does everything from "mentoring" a strike among contented workers, to keeping the hero, a rank and file union man, from attaining the usual Hollywood goal, which is of course, legal marriage with the heroine.

"Red" Belcher, defeated in his agitational objective (force and violence a la Hearst) finally resorts to an attempt to dynamite a tanker which the hero, after being informed by the union leader, has been set to guard.

In the end the "Communist" is completely discredited in the eyes

of the rank and file workers (Hollywood wishful thinking) and the hero is taken back into the union. The hero, however, has become a drunkard and has already reformed. So while the boss gives him a swell party after working hours, his lady-love, who has gone to jail and who has escaped, decides to return to jail.

"One of these days," she tells her erstwhile drunkard hero, "You'll own that fishing fleet. Everything will be all right now. You've got your union card back. I'll finish my stretch—it won't take long—and we'll be happy together again."

It would be impossible to list every attack made upon the working class in the picture. It is the first open attack the Hollywood gentlemen have made upon the maritime unions—but it will not be the last unless the entire American working class takes action to defend itself. "Black Fury" was a start and Hollywood plus Hearst is willing—nay anxious—to go the limit. And Hollywood can go the limit if box-office returns allow it.

"Frisco Kid" is dated back a couple of decades but shows the vigilantes, gentlemen out for "adventure," killing two birds with one stone by "purging" the San Francisco waterfront of—we are to suppose, the entire working class. All workers are scum in Hollywood. And the honest, clean-living, healthy vigilantes are drawn from the higher sections of the American middle class.

Both these pictures are being rushed to completion and will be released in plenty of time to allow Hollywood to cash in on the waterfront situation. All labor unions, liberals, anti-Fascists and radicals should wire or mail vigorous protests to the producers of these films.

Auditor Proposes Police Department Fights Boycott of L. A. Hearst Papers

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—Does the local police department receive orders direct from William Randolph Hearst at San Simeon? This rhetorical question was raised here today when a number of uniformed police officers were discovered detailed to downtown Los Angeles for the sole purpose of removing "I Don't Read Hearst" stickers from buildings, windows, telephone poles, et al.

Last week police officers were detailed to the more serious work of brutally breaking up an anti-Hearst picket line in front of the Los Angeles Examiner, clubbing scores of pickets and other workers, some of whom were seriously injured.

The "I Don't Read Hearst" stickers are issued by the Los Angeles League Against Yellow Journalism, a united front organization representing some sixty trade unions, Epic Clubs, Utopian Groups, Fourth Cycle Groups, etc.

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It is not necessary to write news stories up ready for publication. If you are pressed for time, just jot down all the facts and we will write the story in the office.

Don't get the idea that you have to run onto some monster story or crucial issue in order to have something to send us. Send us everything. One little incident, one small fact, one quotation from somebody, can be turned into an interesting short item.

The Western Worker goes to press on Tuesday and Fridays at noon. Feature articles and material of a general nature must reach us by first mail delivery not later than Monday morning, for the Tuesday edition, and Thursday morning for the Friday edition. Preferably sooner.

For purposes of distribution in outlying sections, the Friday edition is dated the following Monday and the Tuesday edition bears the date of the following Thursday.

Timely news must reach us not later than 5:00 p. m. on Thursday and Mondays. News of very vital importance—the settlement of a strike—a decision to strike—hitherto unannounced actions of government or employers—gangster attacks—sudden changes in important issues—can get in with brief bulletin length if received by us before 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday and Friday. When an issue is imperative, wire us press rates collect. However, go easy on the telegram business. It's expensive. Never wire when the same news can reach us in time by air mail or special delivery.

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TWO EVICTION DEFENDANTS WIN FREEDOM

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was set up. A branch of the I. L. D. was also created. Since that time Deputy Sheriff Corella, known to draw his gun on slightest provocation, attempted to terrorize the Mexican workers but with little avail.

Workers of the Belvedere area hurled defiance to police oppression when they turned out 500 strong at today's court session.

The dismissal of charges was made following motion by Governor Johnson, I. L. D. attorney, demanding dismissal in the interests of justice.

* **1934 Frame-Up.** Mrs. Hendricks is the wife of Har. Hendriks, victim of frameup charges following the June 1, 1934, charlie "riot," along with James McShann, John Sanders, and Joseph Toti.

The prisoners have been subjected to constant discrimination since they started serving their terms, being denied medical service except the universal prescription of "salts."

Offer of the I. L. D. to bring in a physician for these men has been refused by the jail officials. Hendricks needs a lung examination, and McShann a back support for injuries suffered at the hands of the police following his arrest.

* **Call for Wide Protest.** The I. L. D. has sent many committees to the City Council to demand an open investigation of the conditions in the Lincoln Heights jail, but thus far only a small minority committee of councilmen has even gone to the jail to investigate. This committee accepted a whitewash statement from the jail officials.

Another broad committee is going to the City Council on Sept. 27 to present further demands that the open investigation be held. Workers should write to the City Council secretary and to individual councilmen demanding that this investigation be held and that Capt. Shand be removed as chief jailer at the Lincoln Heights jail.

SOVIET UNION ACTS TO STOP AFRICAN WAR

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stance to any and all acts of aggression."

Shaky as the international situation is, considering that the prestige of the League was shaken when Great Britain and other leading powers failed to condemn Japan for her invasion of Manchuria and brutal subjugation of Chinese territory, the speech of Litvinoff against the open expression of opinion hostile to Italy's policy, and may possibly result in momentarily strengthening the League.

However, the commercial rivalries of imperialist powers are too powerful to accomplish permanent peace unless the forces of the entire populations here and abroad are rallied in powerful demonstrations for peace.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Military preparations are by no means confined to Europe. In San Francisco orders went out to relief officials demanding recruiting facilities at relief stations. An analysis of SERA and other relief projects reveals that the war budget of 1935-36, the largest in the history of this country, is supplemented by tremendous "relief" expenditures more or less disguised. In addition CCC camps are more openly than ever admitted to be military in purpose.

Trade union members here are strongly aware of the war danger, not only in the Italian-Ethiopian conflict, but between this country and Japan, and are determined to awaken the ranks of organized labor to active opposition to all imperialist war plans.

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED IN PEDRO MURDER

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to talk and did not give clear accounts of the assault on Ross by Rueb, which occurred in broad daylight with a number of witnesses present.

One worker who witnessed the fight is reported to have left town following threats from a "beef squad."

* **Medical Care Denied.** Workers should immediately make demands upon State Attorney General U. S. Webb, Mayor Frank L. Shaw and the City Council of Los Angeles, for an open and complete investigation. The immediate prosecution of Rueb and of those police officers responsible for not giving Ross medical attention for 24 hours, should also be demanded.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder by "person or persons unknown," but recommending that Rueb be "held to answer."

Union members: Raise the question of having your delegate to the Central Labor Council support recognition of unemployed organizations.

GULF LONGSHOREMEN DEMAND ACTION; STRIKE DATE NEARS

Dock Workers Prepare to Fight for Union Recognition, Wage Increase and the 6-Hour Day; Ryan Stalls for Time

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 12.—Although Joseph P. Ryan has set September 16 as the tentative date at which the New Orleans longshoremen, 3,000 strong, will go on strike, he also has indicated that he probably will attempt to postpone action while the question is submitted to the National Labor Relations Board, set up by the Wagner Labor-Disputes Act.

The New Orleans Steamship Company recently signed an agreement for a 75 cents per hour wage scale with a handful of longshoremen in the Independent Longshoremen's Union, a company union. The agreement is supposed to cover all longshoremen and is to run until 1937.

The longshoremen are demanding \$1 per hour. At the present time the minimum longshore wage in Gulf ports is 35 cents per hour. Most longshoremen receive the minimum—a few are allowed to make as high as 65 cents per hour. Working hours average 40 a week and the average dock worker can earn but \$14 per week. The majority of the longshoremen are part-time workers. Many average as low as \$8 to \$9 per week.

* Speed-up

A few years ago there were from 10,000 to 12,000 workers employed on the waterfront. Now there are but 3,000 and most of these are on relief, averaging \$20 per month. The speed-up is terrific and each man is forced to do the work formerly done by three.

About two years ago company unions were organized in New Orleans. One was for Negro workers and one for white workers. They signed contracts with the shipowners and the old I. L. A. locals (also Jim Crow organizations) no longer were recognized. And the I. L. A. officials made no effort to improve conditions for the workers. They called meetings and postponed action.

Joseph Ryan went down to New Orleans in 1934, after the Company unions had driven the I. L. A. off the waterfront. He demanded that the I. L. A. locals turn their charters over to the company unions, "since they were recognized by the steamship companies and the I. L. A. is not." And the local American Federation of labor representatives agreed with Ryan.

* Ryan Blocked

But the workers themselves resisted. They refused to give up the I. L. A. and their resentment caused the local I. L. A. officials to take a stand against Ryan. Ryan was forced to leave town, in the

WPA WAR PLANS ARE CONDEMNED BY UNEMPLOYED

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being conscripted into the armed forces to break strikes.

* Army Control Seen.

Today the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations issued a call to all its affiliated locals to send immediate protests of this order to turn relief agencies into army recruiting stations to State Relief Administrator McLaughlin, Harry L. Hopkins and President Roosevelt.

In its call the State Federation points out that "This is the first step, not only to recruiting the unemployed through intimidation, but it is also seen as a preparation for turning relief over to the Army, as was done with the CCC camps—and in line with such a proposal made by Army spokesmen in Los Angeles last April."

Further protests are being sent to Capt. C. E. Steele at the Presidio.

Alex Noral, state organizer of the Federation of Unemployed today stated, "Many new members are joining the unemployed organizations, and there is a decided increase of enthusiasm for the work they are doing."

* **Unity With A. F. of L.** At the same time it is reported that rank and file members of various A. F. of L. unions are preparing to have their locals join a unity movement with the organized unemployed to present a united front against the WPA wage-cutting drive and Roosevelt's so-called "security wage" scales for relief workers.

face of the strong opposition, and the I. L. A. remained. The Central Labor Council was forced into making a veiled apology for its representatives. Holt and Ross, who had supported Ryan.

But the longshoremen wanted something more than a union. They were without jobs and they were starving on relief—or they could not get relief. So they demanded action and a strike was called in May, 1934. The strike was sabotaged by the officials who called, not for militant action, but for "peaceful picketing," and "persuasion." The officials insisted they themselves should talk things over with the shipowners—but they never got a chance to talk. The companies ignored them.

The strike dragged on for two or three weeks and the strikers were narrowed down to the unemployed. The shipping companies were allowed to open and run full blast a few days after the strike had been called. And William Green, at this time was calling the N.R.A. "labor's new charter." The A.F.L. officials already were singing praises of the Wagner-Connelly Labor Disputes Act and ever since that time the longshoremen have been told to look to the Wagner Bill as their "savior."

* Rank and File

But the longshoremen now have a rank and file movement. They are talking strike, even in the company unions. The waterfront is rumbling with discontent and talk of strike. The workers want the I. L. A.—but not the fakers. They do not want Ryan. In New Orleans the majority of the longshoremen carry two cards, one for the company union and a job, and the other in the I. L. A. and for the organization. Moreover, they are looking for real leadership.

In New Orleans a definite rank and file committee is working. The workers are issuing leaflets and they carry on agitation for the main demands. They are becoming conscious of the West Coast longshoremen and the working conditions that prevail there. Some of them are joining the Communist Party.

* **Militant Program** And the program of this rank and file calls for: 1—A national uniform agreement; 2—A 6-hour day with a minimum wage of \$1 per hour; 3—Rank and file control of unions with full trade union democracy; 4—Small initiation dues; 5—For a class struggle program and against class collaboration; 6—For one I. L. A. local against Jim Crow locals; 7—Against company unions; 8—For union control of hiring halls.

And this is the program that Ryan is trying to prevent the workers from putting into effect. The longshoremen are ready for struggle in the Gulf Ports and Ryan is trying to postpone the strike. But he cannot prevent it!

GUILD DEFEAT ATTACK AGAINST REDFERN MASON

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—The general membership meeting last night of the Northern Calif. Newspaper Guild tabled a motion to oppose official Guild support of the candidacy of Redfern Mason, its president, for mayor of San Francisco on the United Labor Ticket.

The motion was based on a communication signed by an organized minority of the San Francisco Examiner Guild Chapter, seeking to ensure Mr. Mason for accepting the candidacy. Sixteen of the more than fifty Guild members at the Examiner had signed the communication.

While the majority of members present showed themselves in favor of Redfern Mason's candidacy, doubt as to advisability of supporting what was said by some to be a badly framed motion caused the defeat of endorsement of the United Labor Campaign ticket in the coming municipal election with official Guild decision to be made by full membership balloting. Even then the motion lost by only one vote, with the final tabulation standing 19 against and 18 in favor.

Meanwhile, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific at its membership meeting here Tuesday night voted to give news releases only to those reporters carrying cards in the American Newspaper Guild.

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EAST OF THE Rockies

Headquarters Bombed
Martial Law
Scab Cars Fought
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Green Toady Loses

DETROIT—The East Side Section headquarters of the Communist Party were wrecked by a bomb explosion, believed the work of some fascist or auto company stool picon. The bomb blew a hole in the floor outside the door-way to the headquarters on the second floor. This was the second bombing in this section in the last six months.

The police, in an effort to evade finding out who committed the crime, seized some literature and leaflets, and had printed in Hearst's Detroit Times reports of alleged plots by Communists.

TERRE HAUTE—In a continuance of the reign of terror here, Powers Hapgood, member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, was arrested for the second time in two weeks for exercising his constitutional right of free speech. He is charged with "vagrancy" and "interfering with officers of the law."

The martial law under which this city has been living for several months is being tightened, following the renewal of picketing at the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Company, whose workers have been on strike for 25 weeks.

OMAHA—Petitions with 50,000 signatures calling for a special election on replacing the street car system with buses will be presented to the city council. The petitions were circulated by striking street car men, in an effort to drive scab street cars off the streets.

In his Labor Day speech, Governor Cochran completely ignored the street car strike, which he had attempted to sell out by compulsory arbitration two months ago. J. C. Lewis, head of the Iowa Federation of Labor, announced that the injunction secured against picketing at Council Bluffs, Iowa, would be ignored as being an unconstitutional deprivation of liberty.

DETROIT—The first act of Francis J. Dillon, appointed by Green as president of the International Union of the United Automobile Workers, was to announce that complaints against motor companies filed with the National Labor Board under the Wagner Act have been withdrawn, and the "union's policy will be to work out its problems around the conference table with the employers."

LORAIN, Ohio—The Cleveland Newspaper Guild has called on Edward McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, to intervene in the lockout of seven Guild members in Lorain. They were locked out, June 10 for their activities in organizing the Guild. Mass picketing, with the help of organized labor both in Cleveland and Lorain, was countered by an injunction, limiting the number of pickets to two.

American Neutrality Sought by Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Admiral Isamo Takeshita, on his arrival here from Tokyo en route to the national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, stated that Japan and the United States must walk hand in hand on the road to peace. His declaration is taken as a bid for American neutrality while Japan expands her empire on the Asian mainland.

B. C. STEVEDORE STRIKE ENTERS FOURTH MONTH

WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT
GIVEN EMBATTLED
DOCK WORKERS

VANCOUVER B.C., Sept. 12.—The strike of the British Columbia dock workers now is in its fourth month.

Despite repeated pleas from the longshoremen and from private citizens, the Canadian Government, after promising to set up a conciliation board, has done nothing whatsoever.

Meanwhile support for the embattled workers continued to pour in from all corners of the earth. The International Seamen and Harbor Workers have contributed a total of 4,500 francs. At Jun-can and Skagway, Alaska, the longshoremen have refused to handle "hot" cargo from the strike area.

Continued support from the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation has aided immensely, the dock workers here, who are fighting for recognition of their union, hiring their own hall and better all around working conditions.

*** Workers Militant**
Pickets lines are militant. More than a week ago approximately 1,000 longshoremen massed to picket the Shipping Federation hall where scabs are being dispatched to work on the docks. Police attacked the workers with their usual viciousness and three pickets were arrested.

The fascist "Citizens League" for months has carried on a mud-slinging, red-baiting campaign against the strikers and against the Communist Party. The "League" is an organization of considerable financial backing and works with the shipowners at every opportunity.

However, the striking workers are badly in need of funds to carry on the fight. Their fight is part of the fight now in progress up and down the coast where in the shipowners are waging war on all unions.

Benjamin, Nat'l U.C. Organizer to Visit Calif. in Oct.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Herbert Benjamin, national secretary of the National Unemployment Councils will make a two-week tour of California, beginning October 13, according to an announcement of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations here, today. On October 13 Mr. Benjamin will sit in at an executive committee meeting of the State Federation.

A school for functionaries of unemployed unions of Northern California, to last three days, will be held in Oakland during Benjamin's tour. A similar school will be held in Los Angeles for unemployed union functionaries of So. California.

THUGS ATTACK UNION KITCHEN

COPS AND THUGS MIXED
WITH EACH OTHER BY
MISTAKE

OAKLAND, Sept. 12.—Day before yesterday a gang of thugs, hired by Mr. Huddleston, owner of the Santa Cruz Cannery where locked out members of Warehousemen's local 38-44 have been picketing for several weeks, attempted to raid the Union's soup kitchen at 5019 E. Fourteenth st.

Homer White was the only one in the kitchen at the time. He escaped out the front door as the attackers unsuccessfully tried to get in the back door, which was locked. He caught a ride on a truck to the picket line seven blocks away.

The seventeen scabs making the attack followed him and attacked the picket line. The pickets retreated behind the police line which was drawn up there and this excellent maneuver forced the police to battle the scabs. Three persons were injured, one being a passerby. Sixteen of the seventeen rats were arrested and at a late hour yesterday all were still in jail.

It has been learned that among the armed thugs arrested were over half the cannery foremen.

*** Court Fight.**

Yesterday morning the hearing in the case of Paul Heide and Bob Moore, two pickets in the Santa Cruz lock-out, on charges of tampering with a railroad switch was continued in Judge Tyrrell's court.

The case was again continued until Sept. 13 so the defense could bring in the Southern Pacific train crews involved to prove there was no train on the track in question as the S. P. police have claimed. The S. P. Company has refused to give the names of the crew so they could be subpoenaed but sent only the dispatcher. The court instructed the dispatcher to have his crew present on the 13th.

Three other workers arrested early in August, charged with throwing rocks at freight trains, were found guilty by the judge and fined \$25 each. Leo Sullivan, attorney for the International Longshoremen's Association, handled the cases. No jury trial was asked.

Housewives Dump Truck in Strike

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 13.—Angered by attempts of authorities to prevent them from picketing butcher shops, a squad of housewives who have declared a boycott on meats have destroyed a truckload of foodstuffs which they threw into Shamokin creek.

At the same time, the housewives re-enforced their picket lines and convinced hundreds of prospective purchasers to join them in their demands for a 20 cent rise in prices.

The strike is spreading rapidly through surrounding towns.

MASS CAMPAIGN FOR HERNDON OF C. S. VICTIMS UNDER WAY

United Front Conference to Be Held Oct. 6
In Los Angeles and San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The Conference for United Action Against the State Criminal Syndicalism Law, with headquarters at 68 Haight st., announced today that state-wide campaign for the freedom of the militant workers convicted under this act in Sacramento four months ago is under way.

Two conferences will be held on October 6, one in Los Angeles under the auspices of the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights with delegates representing southern California organizations, and another in San Francisco at 68 Haight street for Northern California. Calls have already been sent to various trade unions, liberal and radical organizations, church and fraternal groups inviting them to each send two delegates to the San Francisco conference.

*** State-Wide Conference.**

These sessions will be preliminary to a state-wide mass conference to be held in Sacramento during the hearings before the District Court of Appeals on the appeal of the frame-up convictions.

The Conference for United Action, in a statement, declared, "Nora Conklin, Caroline Decker, and Lorine Norman,

now in Tehachapi Women's Prison and Pat Chambers, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, and Martin Wilson in San Quentin Penitentiary, were imprisoned because they led strikes that won for thousands of exploited canners and agricultural workers wage increases of 25 to 100 per cent, and because they helped to organize employed and unemployed workers. Their trial was conducted in an atmosphere of public hysteria and jury intimidation under the guidance of former District Attorney McAllister, previously thrown out of office for his part in the frame-up."

*** Benefit Dance.**

Mrs. Mae Moberg is in charge of arrangements for a "Conference Dance" which will be given here Saturday eve, October 5, at Druids' Hall, 44 Page st.

Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney who defended the workers in the Criminal Syndicalism frame-up in Sacramento, received word Wednesday that the brief in the case is again postponed, this time until Sept. 28. The defense should have received the brief on Sept. 9, but "press of business" has prevented the district attorney's office from meeting this date.

F.S.U. ACQUIRE NEW PROJECTOR OF FILM STRIPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The San Francisco Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union are the proud possessors of a newly invented Filmstrip projector which will enable them to supplement their educational campaign with the latest pictures from the Soviet Union.

The projector is a small machine, weighing very little and is easily transported. It will enable the F.S.U. to show a picture to an audience up to 750 people. The picture is reflected on a wall, shade, screen, or sheet and can be shown so that the picture is over 10 feet wide.

The Filmstrip is a strip of regular motion picture film on which have been developed a series of 128 pictures and titles. The Filmstrips will be on such subjects as "Health and Social Insurance in the Soviet Union," "Famine in the Ukraine," etc. Each Filmstrip also has a news reel section, with the latest news photographs from the U.S.S.R.

The machine is so constructed, that the Filmstrip is not affected by the heat of the lamp. The film itself is of non-inflammable stock, and since the show consists of many still shots, no permits from authorities are required, and unions, clubs, fraternal organizations and Y.M.C.A. are expected to make full use of this F.S.U. Service.

SOVIET ARCTIC EXPLORERS IN NEW DISCOVERY

MOSCOW, September 13.—New achievements by Soviet seamen and scientists in the exploration of hitherto uncharted polar seas were reported here today by the Arctic expedition aboard the ice-breaker Sadko.

Radio messages from George Ushakov, leader of the expedition, stated that for the second time within a few weeks the vessel has been piloted into the unexplored area between Nicholas the Second Land and Franz Josef Land in search of new islands. The commander's last message reported that the expedition was continuing northward in an investigation of an open channel through the ice.

Before entering the unexplored area, the expedition dropped anchor off Graham Bell Island, the most northerly outpost of the Franz Josef group and a party disembarked on the ice with dog teams in an effort to make a landing but were prevented from reaching the island by shifting ice floes.

Ushakov reported slight corrections in the reported position of the island and stated that its shores were "black and barren" although it was previously believed that the island was constantly blanketed with snow. The expedition also determined that several bleak promontories hitherto believed to be separate islands were in reality connected with the Graham Bell mainland.

PRESIDENT GETS YOUTH DEMANDS

Roosevelt Program
Called Utterly
Inadequate

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The recently created National Youth Administrations is both "undemocratic and inadequate." This was charged in a letter sent to Aubrey Williams, secretary of the National Youth Administration by Waldo McNutt, chairman of the National Council of the American Youth Congress.

The American Youth Congress charges that Roosevelt is not sincere in his desire to help young people, but is using \$50,000,000 to build political support for his administration. The program would have the effect of lowering existing wage levels and is no more than a sop to the youth of the land.

In the present setup of the Youth Administration, there is no possibility of cooperation between the youth and the administration to promote the welfare of the youth, which is supposed to be aided by this project. The letter points out that the millions of working, farming student, and unemployed youth are not represented at all on the administrative boards.

In place of the Roosevelt program, the American Youth Congress at its Detroit sessions in July drew up a youth act, representing the demands of its 1,350,000 members. This act proposed minimum wages of \$15 a week to all persons between the ages of 16 and 20 who are unemployed through no fault of their own. This youth act does not limit the number of persons to get work and educational opportunities to 500,000 of those in actual need, as does the Roosevelt government program.

The letter ends with a warning that the Roosevelt program "may well lay the groundwork for a fascist pattern of education and youth control in this country. Hence the millions of young men and women in this country will do all in their power to unite and organize against this most undemocratic program."

Martial Law Called In Spanish Revolt

MADRID, Sept. 10.—A state of martial law, politely described as a "state of prevention" has been proclaimed here as revolutionary activities of the crew of the naval vessel Bartolome Dias have thrown authorities into a state of panic. Heavy battalions have been placed about the post office, telegraph stations and the presidential palace and Mendes Norton, an officer of the warship, is under arrest. He is accused of "inciting unrest" with the aid of "prominent revolutionaries."

Drive the reactionaries out of the unions. Elect rank-and-file representatives. Fight for trade union democracy.

EAST COAST I.L.A. MEETS TO DRAFT NEW CONTRACT

RANK AND FILE TO ASK
WAGE INCREASE AND
OWN HIRING HALLS

By Daily Worker
NEW YORK, N.Y., Sept. 12.—Representatives of the International Longshoremen's Association in North Atlantic harbors will meet here from Sept. 16 to 18 to draft demands for the new contract of wages and working conditions to take the place of the contract which is to expire Sept. 30.

These demands will be presented Sept. 19 to the New York Shipping Association, the employers' association which represents ship lines operating in North Atlantic ports.

Joseph P. Ryan, president of the I.L.A., has declared that he does not know what the demands of the longshoremen's representatives will be. However, rank and file longshoremen want union hiring halls, \$1 an hour, the 5-day, 30-hour week, and \$1.50 an hour for overtime. These are the demands that the longshoremen have been fighting for during the past period.

VIGILANTES IN NEW ATTACK ON DOCK WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Another longshoreman was attacked by vigilantes on the waterfront here Monday night. The same night a seaman was slugged by gangsters, probably from the same vigilante crew.

The attack on the longshoreman took place at Pier 32. On Wednesday, the body of a seaman was found floating in the bay off the same dock. According to the coroner's deputy, the body showed marks of violence. A seaman's union card was found on the body.

Last week longshoremen were attacked and beaten by vigilante night prowlers. Meanwhile, the shipowners stall on requests from the seamen for a clarification of the April award. And the Chamber of Commerce announces a coast-wide united front against the maritime workers and in support of the shipowners.

Rank and file trade unionists from shoreside and maritime unions are beginning to take steps toward combatting vigilante terrorism in an organized manner.

Burlesque Girls Win Three-Day Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Some 2,000 dancers and chorus girls returned to work after a three-day strike in which they won their main demands for shorter hours and better pay. The settlement gave them \$22.50 a week with \$25 for principals, and one day off in every fourteen. Other demands are to be arbitrated.

FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

C.I. Recruit War Maneuvers Social Credit Ruhr Hunger Strike Compulsory Loan

ENGLAND—The British Trades Union Congress has sent the following message in answer to the telegram of greetings sent by the Central Trade Union Council of the Soviet Union:

"The British Trades Union Congress in session at Margate appreciates your fraternal greetings. It will continue to work for the preservation of peace and for determined resistance to fascism."

SPAIN—The Central Council of the Union Socialista de Catalunya (Catalonian Socialist Union) has ratified the proposal of its executive committee to affiliate with the Communist International. The proposal will be submitted to the next Congress of the Union. This decision of the Union, which represents the Socialist movement in Catalonia, is meeting the approval of the vast majority of Catalonian and Spanish workers, according to La Verdad, workers' and peasants' paper.

GERMANY—Large scale war maneuvers are to take place on the western frontier of Czechoslovakia, in the direction of the Soviet Union, from September 13 to 18, according to information via Zurich, Switzerland. General Fuller, one of the British fascist leaders, has been invited to participate.

More than 200,000 soldiers have already taken part in war maneuvers in other parts of Germany. The eighteenth division of the German army has just completed war games around Breslau.

ALBERTA, Canada—William Alberhart, first Social Credit premier in the world, is taking office facing a deficit of \$15,000,000 by next March. This sum does not include \$18,000,000 owed by the Province of Alberta to the Canadian government and \$3,800,000 owed to holders of government bonds. Alberhart intends to borrow money to tide his administration over the crisis facing it.

GERMANY—News of a hunger-strike in a coal mine in the Ruhr district, although closely guarded, has slipped through the censorship. The miners, saying it did not matter whether they starved in the mine or at home, refused to come out of the mine. Because of the great sympathy aroused by their action among other workers, no arrests were made, and the whole affair was hushed up.

GERMANY—Hjalmar Schacht, German financial dictator, is obliged to use drastic means to raise the recently decreed billion mark loan. Saving banks have been ordered to hand over half that amount, and if their ready cash has been already seized by the Nazis, they will have to pay it in installments.

The new loan may well prove the final straw in the German debt muddle. While the Nazis are afraid to reveal the true size of the floating debt, it has been estimated at from 14 to 20 billion marks. The New York Times financial correspondent has even estimated the total at 30 billions.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Petitions for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann, German Communist leader, Rudolf Claus and Albert Keyser have been signed by 92,655 persons throughout the country.

Fortifying Hawaiian Islands Demanded

HONOLULU, Sept. 10.—Members of a sub-committee of the House military affairs committee recommended the immediate strengthening of the Hawaiian Islands to make them impregnable to attack. This report is significant, since Japan is the only country in a position to attack the United States on the Pacific Coast.

600 Strike WPA to Collect Back Wages

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Two W.P.A. jobs, employing more than 600 workers, have struck for non-payment of wages. In both cases the men on the job had not been paid since July, and took this step as the only means to save their families from starvation. One hundred and five of the strikers were employed on an alteration job at General Hugh S. Johnson's headquarters, while the rest were employed at the Brooklyn Museum.

Resolutions to be Presented at State A.F.L. Convention

Resolutions passed by Machinists Union, Local 68 at regular meeting, Wed., Sept. 11, to be introduced by delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention in San Diego.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON A LABOR PARTY

WHEREAS: Labor has learned through experience that the promises of representatives of political parties of Big Business to fight for measures in its interests have been false, and for the purpose of vote-getting, as demonstrated in such acts as in the defeat of the prevailing wage amendment, the establishment of a coöperative wage of \$19-\$94 monthly on relief projects, the veto of the veteran's bonus, the continued issuance of injunctions, the use of the military against striking workers, the failure to ratify the Child Labor Amendment, and the adoption of a "social security" program which taxes labor for old age pensions and so-called unemployment "insurance" and ignores completely the present unemployed, and

WHEREAS: In order to crush the great strikes waged by labor throughout the country, national guardsmen were mobilized to murder and maim our brother trade unionists and force them back to work under miserable conditions, and those military forces were called out by governors of the Republican and Democratic Parties who appealed for and obtained labor's vote on the promise of support of labor's interest, and

WHEREAS: There is being organized by William Hearst, Big Business Interests and Reactionary Forces in the American Legion, certain groups such as the "Committee of One Thousand" in San Francisco which if allowed to grow would express themselves in open fascist violence against our Union Brothers as happened in Sonoma County, and

WHEREAS: A movement is now afoot amongst the workers in many states for the formation of a Labor Party based on a program in defense of labor's interest to enable the workers to send their own representatives, responsible to labor, into legislatures.

Conferences of trades unions in Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Illinois and other states have been held for this purpose, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 36th California State Federation of Labor goes on record endorsing the formation of an anti-fascist Labor Party organized on the basis of trade unions and other labor organizations including farmers, negro organizations, poor middle-classes, and all workers' political organizations, on the platform of struggle for the rights and needs of all working-people and against fascism, against war; AND RE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the California State Federation of Labor unite with all other organizations endorsing this program to achieve the purpose of this resolution.

RESOLUTION AGAINST RED-BAITING

WHEREAS: The present slanderous campaign of Hearst and the big Industrialists against the Waterfront Unions in particular and the labor movement in general is an attempt to turn public opinion against the entire labor movement and to disrupt the labor movement itself, and

WHEREAS: The Waterfront Unions are acting as a buffer, taking the brunt of the attack of the biggest, most highly organized group of big business, and thus holding off the drive of the Open Shop "American Plan" forces from the rest of the Labor Movement, and

WHEREAS: This slanderous attack on the honest militant leadership of the Waterfront Unions is clearly a union-smashing plan that has

been used by employers since the inception of the Labor Movement, and

WHEREAS: The recent action of the Executive Committee of the State Federation of Labor on June 16th, in the red-baiting resolution which they adopted, and with which they circularized the Trade Unions of California, serves to lend credulity to and strengthen this fascist attack, and

WHEREAS: The statement of Paul Scharrenberg inserted into the minutes of the same session of the California State Federation of Labor Executive Committee meeting in which he viciously attacks the leaders of the Waterfront Unions, has a definitely disruptive and disorganizing effect on the Labor Movement, and

WHEREAS: The whole tone of the publication of the State Federation of Labor paper is one of splitting off the militants from the organized Labor Movement instead of trying to unite and solidify it, and seeking to divert the struggles of labor from the employers and turn them against the progressive militant and Communist elements of the labor movement,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we censor the Executive Committee of the State Federation of Labor for its vicious attack on the leadership and rank and file of the Maritime Unions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we send statements to all newspapers in California that the labor movement of California does not support the attack of Hearst and the organizations of Big Business on the militants in the Labor Movement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the paper issued by the California State Federation of Labor confine itself to a policy of trying to solidly unite the labor movement of California, organize the unorganized, and present labor's side of the news to offset the continuous attack on labor-by the capitalist-controlled press.

Passed by Sailors' Union of Pacific Sept. 10, to be introduced by Delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention

RESOLUTION ON THE WAR DANGER

WHEREAS: The Italian government has already taken the first steps in the attack against Ethiopia with the objective of robbing Ethiopia of its independence in a war of aggression which may eventually involve the whole world in an imperialist war, and

WHEREAS: The United States has increased military and naval appropriations to the highest point in history, and feverish preparations are being made to increase the army, build ships and prepare the youth for war through increased recruitment into the CCC camps, and

WHEREAS: In every war, the workers are the first sufferers, and are called upon to sacrifice their lives in order to safeguard the profits of the bankers and munition makers, and

WHEREAS: The Executive Council of the AFL at its August session has already issued a vigorous protest against the impending war on Ethiopia, recognizing that this will lead to a world war, and

WHEREAS: The recent statements on the desirability of war with Japan, made by the Secretary of the State Federation, Paul Scharrenberg, have given the impression to the people of California that the organized labor movement would endorse another imperialist war, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 36th Annual Convention of the State Federation of Labor goes on record to call upon its membership to refuse to manufacture and handle the shipment of munitions to Italy, and also to pledge its support to fight against another world war.

Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

County supervisors bit by the "scab or starve" bug which nests in the Chamber of Commerce buildings throughout the country and infests the White House at Washington, voted unanimously that Rex Thorne County Superintendent of Charities develop a workable plan where by all persons on the rolls of the County Welfare Department can be put to work on rehabilitation projects. It seems there is no end to this drive to force those on relief to do punishment work at starvation wages.

Surely a plan can be evolved whereby patients in the General Hospital can be put to work. During operations on themselves they can pass the instruments to the doctors thus dispensing with the services of the nurses. With a set of mirrors properly arranged and a local anesthetic they should even be able to do their own operations, snip out their appendixes and sew themselves up, saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars that are paid to the doctors and interns in the General Hospital. Doctors and interns could be put to useful work, like digging storm drains for the W.P.A. or become tree surgeons in the C.C.C. at \$30 per month.

And furthermore—those dead ones, those "stiffs" in the County morgue, what do they mean lying there resting and taking it easy, we suggest that five of the liveliest ones be given the job of County Supervisor. They could be made to work for nothing and no doubt do a better job than the present five.

Hoover reassured the veterans' out of Washington, Roosevelt when they returned banished them with a smile to the FERA camps on the hurricane-ridden Florida Keys. Relief authorities ignored until too late, warnings given by the U.S. Weather Bureau. A hurricane did the rest. Over 300 veterans were killed.

A relief administration that deliberately plans the mass starvation of millions of people cannot be expected to worry about moving 675 "trouble making" veterans out of the path of a hurricane. 300 dead veterans to them means 300 less votes against Roosevelt in the next election.

"Coolie Driver" Dalton still sits at the peak of the WPA pyramid in L.A. county (12th floor 12 and Santee Sts.), the huffing and puffing of opposing politicians having failed (as yet) to blow his house off.

Dalton when interviewed by a committee from the Public Works Unemployment Unit stated:

Wages to be paid on WPA projects were fixed in Washington. Workers who were receiving more than \$5 dollars per month on S.E.A. at the present time would be forced to accept the \$5 dollars per month jobs on WPA, the only concession being that in accordance with Sec. 1, WPA Bulletin No. 7, he would have power to put a second employable member of the family to work where the wages of one were insufficient.

Workers to be paid for rainy days, but in case of sickness to receive no pay. Dalton specifically stated that those unable to fit in or who were unable to secure jobs under WPA were no concern of his.

Persons arrested by the police have discovered a new way to get out of jail. They just say, "I work for Hearst."

Young "Mississippi" started the vogue. Arrested last week in Pershing Square, the police apologized and released him when they found out he worked for Hearst.

Orders may come over the telephone from Chief Davis any day now that "Hell Hearst" is the official salutation of the Police Department.

Direct proof has been acquired that members of the Dist. Attorneys staff attempt to persuade social workers to become "stoop pigeons." Where diplomacy has failed to secure information, intimidation has been resorted to. In attempting to force the social workers to give out information contained in their private case files.

Australia Workers Demand Freedom of Scottsboro Victims

SIDNEY, Australia, Sept. 12.—A mass meeting of workers in the Infield Locomotive Works recently voted to send a letter to Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama demanding the immediate and unconditional release of the nine Scottsboro boys. The letter points out that the facts in this frame-up have become well known in Australia, and workers in Sidney are very emphatic in their condemnation of this malicious persecution.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

OLD TIMERS FIRED FROM NAVY YARD, REPLACED BY JOBLESS AT SCAB WPA WAGE

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO DRIVE 2,100 INTO MARE ISLAND YARD WITH "WORK OR STARVE" EDICT

By a W.P.A. Worker

RICHMOND, Calif.—The Navy Department, at Mare Island Navy Yard, has started a wagecut campaign through the Works Progress Administration. Workers on the relief rolls are being sent from Contra Costa County to compete with regular Mare Island workers at a wage scale of from \$44 to \$63 for 120 hours per month, and they pay their own transportation from all points in the county to Crockett. At Crockett they are loaded on a tug and taken to the island. They have to leave Richmond at 7 a.m. and land back there at 4 p.m., without any time off for lunch, which makes much longer than 6 hours per day.

OLD HANDS LAID OFF

On the job they were told that they are to put out as much work as on a "regular" job.

At the present time about 75 workers are being forced into the yard, but present plans are to send most of the 2,100 workers on relief in this county into the yard under these miserable conditions. A few weeks ago a number of the regular employees were laid off, and will no doubt be forced back on their old jobs, through the WPA, at great reductions in salary.

As the WPA sends other relief workers into the yard more of the regular employees will be laid off and forced back at lower wages, as soon as starvation drives them onto relief. So the whole plan is one of wage cutting through the so-called "security wage" plan.

* \$63 a Month

As samples of these scab wages, the Richmond "Record-Herald" has announced that pipefitters, welders, riggers, painters, carpenters, a railroad engineer, a core man and a blacksmith are wanted at \$63 a month; while helpers for various trades rate just \$50 a month.

They are all to come from the relief rolls. If they refuse these scab wage jobs their relief is to be stopped.

R. H. Towns, field supervisor of the National Re-employment Service, has flatly declared that men refusing these jobs or jobs in private industry will be cut off all relief rolls.

* Must Resist

This WPA work in the Navy Yard is not just the made work typical of the S.E.R.A. and the old CWA but is work of a constructive nature and is in direct competition with the workers in the yard who are drawing the higher pay. It is a plan to build up the capitalist war machine with cheap relief labor and to intimidate the Mare Island workers by showing them that they can be replaced by cheaper labor.

All labor councils of the East Bay and vicinity should take up this matter at once and protest this wage cutting by the Navy Dept. It will go further if not stopped now. Private industry is watching this very closely and if it is not protested will soon broaden its wage cutting campaign and say, "If the War and Navy Depts. can do it, we can do it also."

Fresno "Sun Maid" Raisin Plant Has Increased Speedup

By a Worker Correspondent

FRESNO.—There is an ever increasing speed-up at the Fresno Sun-Maid Raisin plant. At least 20 per cent increase is noticed by men employed here last year. The hand trucking equipment is in such poor shape that it is impossible for one man to handle 600 lb. loads on two-wheeled trucks or 1,200 lb. loads on four-wheeled ones.

The stemmers and graders are not permitted to leave their places without a relief taking the job. And if one is seen going to the toilet or to get a drink more than twice a day he is fired.

Hiring is done in a haphazard manner. The men are kept waiting around all day by the promise that they may be put on. And sometimes new men are put on instead of old hands being hired. The pay is 40 cents an hour, same as last year, although prices have gone up on all foodstuffs at least 30 per cent.

The plant is crowded with stoop pigeons. And because the members of the Sun-Maid outfit are given preference in hiring there is no union, as yet.

Railroad Employment Drops in Past Year

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Employment on railroads of the United States was 31,000 less in the middle of July this year than at the same time last year, according to an announcement in Railroad Unity News, published by the Railroad Brotherhoods Unity Committee.

ATTACK ON ANTI-HEARST PICKETS TOLD BY WORKER

By Arthur Strange.

There were about two hundred of us who went down to picket the Los Angeles Examiner building Tuesday morning. And we found out plenty about the terrorist methods of the police and vigilante thugs, working hand in glove.

The picketing was decided on by the Los Angeles League Against Yellow Journalism. About 11 o'clock Tuesday we went down to the Examiner building. The police, posted all along the block, stopped us from taking our banners and placards out of our car. So we drove the car along Broadway, planning to take out the banners in front of the building. The minute the car stopped, five big thugs came out of the building and started to take the banners and placards. In the meantime, a couple of cops had followed me from the corner up to the car. Mistaking the vigilantes for some of the pickets, the cops started to beat up on them, whereupon the thugs pulled out blackjacks and went to work on the cops. At this point a police lieutenant ran up to the cops, yelling, "For God's sake, lay off them—they're ours."

During this fight, a bystander picked up one of the banners and hit a cop. By this time the thugs and the cops had recognized each other as friends, and the thugs turned their blackjacks on the bystander. This scuffle was the signal for 25 or 30 more thugs to join their friends, with cops and the Red squad, in front of the building, to clear out the picket line. Across the street from the building, I met Simonov, a photographer who had come to take pictures of the picketing. He said that his camera had been taken from him by one of the thugs, and the film destroyed. He wanted to get his camera back, so a couple of us formed a delegation to go back with him and ask for his camera. We hadn't even set out, when some of the thugs ganged up on us, knocking us down and hitting us.

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Swiss Discover Nazi Trick to Discredit Truth About Germany

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 12.—The Nazis, in their desperate effort to check the rising tide of unfavorable world opinion, have hit upon a new scheme. This consists of first circulating false rumors, and then refuting them, so as to disregard true reports unfavorable to the Hitler government.

In one instance a few Swiss editors allowed themselves to be duped by this strategy. It was alleged that six Italian aviators had been shot down at the Mison aerodrome by a secret German plane. This was not true, and German papers were able to accuse the Swiss newspapers of printing falsehoods.

Later it was found that the report had its origin in a branch of the Berlin Propaganda Ministry.

English Firms Must Limit Italian Trade

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The Department for Overseas Trade has found it necessary to issue a warning to British firms against sending certain goods to Italy. Many Italian firms have been placing orders before obtaining necessary import licenses or custom clearances. At the same time that Italian firms are frantically buying goods in anticipation of war, many countries are refusing credit to Italian firms, which are already way behind on their payments.

Pathe Begins Fascist Series

HOLLYWOOD.—William Randolph Hearst, candidate for the post of America's No. 1 Fascist, has launched a campaign for fascism through the medium of motion picture news-reels.

First of a series attempting to identify all labor troubles as Communist-inspired, has been released by Pathe News, controlled by Warner Brothers studios. Hearst is closely connected with the Warner Film interests.

Shots of police beating strikers are interspersed with scenes from the Soviet Union, and the voice of a narrator declares that "Communists are responsible" for the strikes, such as the San Francisco waterfront and general strike of last year.

HOLLYWOOD BIG SHOTS JITTERY OVER MILITANTS

COMPANY UNION SCHEMES OPPOSED BY "REDS"

By John Lorrée.

The "Hollywood Reporter" of Aug. 31, a motion picture trade paper blared forth in large headlines the fact that in several of the studios it had been discovered that there were studio employees who were communists or communist sympathizers. It went on to say that the studio executives were planning a campaign to ruthlessly stamp out all people who might be suspected of interest in Marxism. Meanwhile the studios are going ahead full blast organizing the studio social clubs.

It seems that the "gentlemen" discovered this red influence when their frantic efforts to organize the studio clubs (really company unions) was encountering opposition from certain enlightened employees who had some knowledge of corporation tactics—in their attempts to mislead the workers. So it was necessary to first clear the ground of obstacles before the steamrolling process.

Mr. L. B. Mayer, executive vice president of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios and head of the central committee of the Republican Party in California is one of the most ardent opponents of Communism. "Not from any personal or selfish reasons," as he said in one of his recent speeches to the M-G-M's executives, "I would be the first man to advocate a new system of society if I thought it would alleviate the suffering and poverty of the masses. But I have investigated and know from authentic sources (he is a very personal friend of W. R. Hearst and gets the information direct) that people are dying by the thousands for the lack of food and nourishment—in Russia."

If the studio executives really want to "stamp out" any organized protest to their exploitation it might be well to cease working their employees such an excessive number of hours that the men become "dead on their feet." Columbia, the worst abuser in the field, forced their men to work anywhere from sixteen to thirty-six hours in a stretch over a period of weeks. Then cut the men off the pay roll and let them lie around until things begin picking up. At times the men are

off for weeks waiting for production to begin. After one of the busy sessions it takes a man two weeks to recuperate.

But then the box office returns have increased over sixty per cent in the last few months so the executives are happy planning the building of new yachts and new houses on the shores of Malibu.

Has Your Union Hit At Hearst?

SAN FRANCISCO.—Two more culinary unions here have voted to remove all Hearst publications from the reading rooms in their headquarters. They are Cooks' Local No. 44 and Miscellaneous Employees' Local No. 110. Waiters' No. 30 took the same action not long ago.

The list of unions which have thus officially joined the move of organized labor and all other enemies of Fascism to strangle the Hearst press is constantly growing. Has your union or fraternal organization yet voted to put Hearst on its unfair list as an enemy of labor?

Here is the list of Hearst newspapers, magazines and movie concerns which class-conscious workers on the West Coast don't patronize:

NEWSPAPERS—
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER
SAN FRANCISCO CALL-BULLETIN
LOS ANGELES EXAMINER
LOS ANGELES HERALD and EXPRESS
OAKLAND POST-EXQUIRER
SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER

MAGAZINES—
HEARST METROTONE NEWS (newsreel)
WARNER BROTHERS FILMS
COSMOPOLITAN PRODUCTIONS (films)

MOVIES—
HEARST'S INTERNATIONAL combined with COSMOPOLITAN
HARPER'S BAZAAR
MOTOR and MOTOR BOATING
PICTORIAL REVIEW
AMERICAN DRUGGIST

GLORY VS. PAY ON BRIDGE JOB

MEN STAND ON OWN TIME WHEN SPINNING HALTS

By a Bridge Worker

BERKELEY.—The capitalist papers throughout the East Bay report the day by day progress and glory of building the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge, but not a word of the miserable working conditions. Readers are led to believe that the workers are all highly paid and wonderful things are said of these "heroes of the air."

Eighty per cent of us are paid the miserable sum of 68 cents per hour, 30 hours per week for working 500 feet in the air and below us is certain death. But due to lay-offs and the shutting down of the wheel, many are averaging from \$10 to \$11 per week for the privilege of risking our lives.

If the wheel stops while we are on the bridge we are immediately docked for time lost and spend our time for hours shivering in the fog. Workers from the Oakland side spend 42 cents each day for carfare, if we get in any time or not. If the weather is warm the wire expands and the crew is sent home after spending car fare.

We need organization on this job and need it badly, for we are woefully underpaid and exploited by the American Bridge Company. This hero stuff is good for the capitalist headlines but does not buy shoes for babies or warm your belly while spending hours above the fog shivering on your own time, waiting for the wheel to start.

NOTE: We invite the bridge workers to send in letters describing in greater detail the actual working conditions on the bridges. We will guard your identity.—Editor.

Red Army Joined by "Loyal" Troops on March to Changteh

CHANGTEH, Hunan Province, China, Sept. 12.—This treaty port is being rapidly evacuated by panic-stricken business men and agents of foreign governments as the Chinese Red Army smashed its way within 30 miles of the city's outskirts.

Provincial troops rushed to block the victorious push of the Red forces commanded by General Peng Teh-Hui and Ho Lung have retreated in disorder and many of the "loyal" government forces have deserted to the Communist ranks.

City authorities, who have established martial law in an attempt to crush the anti-Japanese elements within the city itself which are in sympathy with the invaders, admit that their troops are deserting in great numbers. A British gunboat was standing in the harbor to give moral, if not military, support to the defense forces.

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REINSTATEMENT WON FOR WORKER CUT OFF RELIEF

S. F. PWU COMMITTEE MEETS WITH SERA

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—A grievance committee of 75, representing the 4 San Francisco locals of the Public Works and Unemployed Union met recently with Mr. Neilsen and Mr. Wakefield of the SERA to protest the forced drafting of unemployed into the hop fields. The committee also took up local grievances.

Neilsen and Wakefield were first inclined to pass the buck and to send us elsewhere, but the committee told them we were tired of this "run-around" and demanded some satisfaction. And Mr. Neilsen found that after all he did have the authority to assure us that anybody who had been cut off relief or anyone who should in the future be cut off with instructions to go into the hop fields would be immediately reinstated.

The committee was very militant, even though a deputy sheriff and several police were standing around inside and several more outside, trying to intimidate the workers.

We won reinstatement, food order and clothing order for one man who had refused to leave the county and go to the hop fields and had been cut off relief. Mr. Neilsen and Wakefield promised to investigate and give us a report at the next meeting with the committee on the complaints that could not be settled immediately.

1 DISMISSED IN SALT LAKE CITY 'RIOT' FRAME-UP

I.L.D. CALLS FOR WIDE PROTEST IN CASE

SALT LAKE, Sept. 12.—The 10 workers who were beaten by police and specially hired FERA thugs for demonstration against relief cuts at Sugarhouse, and were arrested, were given preliminary hearings here last Monday, September 9, on charges of rioting. Parley White was released for lack of evidence.

The others were bound over to superior court and there is danger of their being railroaded to prison if workers throughout the West do not rally an immediate wave of protest. "Rioting," the frameup charge against them, is a felony.

Frank Martin, Dave Sinclair and Wm. Allen are out on \$2,500 bail each, furnished by the International Labor Defense. Bail for the others has been reduced to \$1,500 each, but the I.L.D. has not yet been able to raise more bond.

Sinclair, Olson Shelly, and Jimmie Woolman will defend themselves in court, while Harry Metos, an I.L.D. attorney, will handle the cases of the other workers. Trade unions, fraternal organizations and individuals are being requested by the I.L.D. to send resolutions of protest to the prosecuting attorney, to the FERA headquarters and to the chief of police.

L. A. Section Raises First Hundred for Daily Worker Drive

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9.—Sending in its first \$100 today, the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party swung into a concentrated drive to raise funds in the Daily Worker drive.

A dual slogan is being raised here in the drive: "\$60,000 for the Daily Worker and for a Daily Western Worker." Thus far sixteen organizations have sent delegates to the conference managing the drive, including two American Federation of Labor locals, painters and carpenters.

The drive will culminate with a large mass meeting on October 27, for which the conference is requesting Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, as the chief speaker.

Labor Council Faker Slurs Men Who Boo Hearst in Parade

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4.—J. W. Buzzell, reactionary secretary of the Central Labor Council, passed off the militant demonstration of some 200 members of the street carmen's union, who halted during the Labor Day parade to thumb their noses and shout "Down with Hearst" slogans in front of the Los Angeles Examiner, with the remark that "it was just a bunch of Reds trying to show off."

This was learned here today from Claudia Hennes, member of the women's auxiliary of the street carmen's union, which was locked out by the Los Angeles Railway Corporation following the strike of last November.

GOVERNMENT IN FIGHT AGAINST JOBLESS CO-OP

L.A. SELF-HELP GROUP GYPPED ON PRICES

Battle Chain Store

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S "FINISHING TOUCH"

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—If you are unemployed and have any illusions that the government is going to give you a chance to work yourself out of your troubles, you are sadly mistaken. And if you will write to the self-help cooperative in Escondido, it will verify this fact.

A few months back, in Escondido, a group of unemployed got together and decided to ask for one of those government grants to start a project cooperative. They secured a loan of one thousand dollars. And so with the aid of some of the neighboring farmers who donated some land, they were able to start a farming project, although at first they had quite a setback.

One of the members was one of the leading Epics in the community, who should by all means have been heart and soul in any production-for-use plan. It is reported that he took two hundred and fifty dollars of the thousand and bought a span of mules which was estimated to be worth twenty-five dollars.

* A Government Gyp

Anyhow, they all pitched in and worked like troopers. Their crops began to ripen and they began to figure their income. They sent a shipment of 41 tomatoes to the government distribution warehouse in Los Angeles, where they also supply CCC camps. It was the only place they could sell their produce.

The market price of tomatoes was \$1.10 a box at the time. The government agents told them that their price was 40 cents. They sold the tomatoes and a couple of fellows who rode down with the truck driver went back and priced the resale of the same tomatoes to other units and they were \$1.10.

They brought another load of tomatoes in and they were told that they would receive 35 cents. This was more than they had bargained for, so they pulled the load across the street and asked a dollar a box, receiving it promptly. And the government revoked the grant.

* Opened a Cannery

But these unemployed were determined to get off the backs of the taxpayers. They decided to go out on their own hook. They already had secured the use of an old packing plant, so they installed some canning equipment and began canning their produce.

They opened their doors to the public and were doing so good that Piggly-Wiggly decided to put on a sale. This chain store put on a sale on canned goods that was even cheaper than the self-help group could produce. But this did not daunt them, neither did they use poor business tactics.

They scraped together all the pennies and dimes that they and their friends had and bought heavily on the Piggly-Wiggly sale. And they carried it all down to their own store and stocked their shelves for resale. This went on for some time until the manager of the Piggly-Wiggly discovered that his goods were too rapidly transferred from his store to the cooperative's store.

The sales were promptly stopped and the Piggly-Wiggly management went into a huddle with the chamber of commerce. And now they are being blocked at every turn. They were even stopped from hauling their oranges through Orange County. According to last reports, the projects is all but abandoned due to pressure from big business.

Redfern Mason to Talk at Oak Hall Rally on Sept. 16

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Redfern Mason, Labor candidate for mayor of San Francisco, and Tanna Alex, will be the feature speakers at a Democratic Rally, Sept. 16, 8 p.m. at Oak Hall, 1805 Divisadero street.

They will discuss the importance of the Labor Party Ticket to the citizens of San Francisco. A representative from the maritime unions also will talk.

All friends and sympathizers of labor are invited to support this rally which will be the opening gun of the United Labor Ticket campaign in the 27th Assembly District. Admission will be free.

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MISSION WORKER'S OPEN FORUM, 141 Albion Street, Sunday, September 15th "Labor Party and Fascism." Speaker, Lawrence Ross. Free Raffle of book "Fatherland" (a picture of life under German Fascism). Admission Free. Questions, Discussion.

ATTENTION! Railroad Workers Affair, Sat. Sept. 28th, 8 p.m. 121 Haight Street. Workers Play—Program—Dancing. Admission 25c. Support Rank and File movement in Railroad Industry.

P.W.U.U.—Dancing, Refreshments, Entertainment. Sunday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m., 779 Vallejo St. Admission 15 cents.

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SEPTEMBER 29, 8 p.m. Sunday. Nite, at 779 Vallejo St. Drinking, Dancing, Dining. All evening. Admission 15c. Auspices: North Beach Communist Party.

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Los Angeles

BOWERY BEER BUST—Cabaret Style, at the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring St., on Sept. 21, from 8 p.m. on. Singing, Waiters, Schmitzbank, Torch Singer



TOLSTOI TAKES THE COUNT

"Anna Karenina," from Tolstoy's novel, M. G. M. film with Greta Garbo and Frederick March. At the Warfield, San Francisco.

O. H. sends in a report on this new Garbo film headed as follows: "Anna Karenina." Rating: Trash. Here is the dope: "Here at last we have a picture that fulfills a white-guard's dreams of his pre-revolutionary Russia. It's all here: officers of the Czarist army with nothing to do all day long but drink vodka, swizzle champagne, shovel in the caviar, and make love to somebody else's wife. All the officers are smart-looking, clean-cut, and the younger women easy to look at. The workers are helpless and dumb. In the one act of labor depicted in this luxurious film, that of a railway worker inspecting a train's wheels, the clumsy man is caught and crushed in the coupling. That finishes the entire Russian working class.

"A sample scene: large bowl of caviar (?) with officers stuffing themselves. Great hall filled with girls and officers in various stages of drunkenness. At one end of the hall servants

filling glasses for officers drinking to rhythmic command, until all are under the table but our hero, the irrepressible and insufferable Frederick March. March is not as hammy as usual, but that's not enough.

"Garbo portrays a woman torn between love of child and love. As far as we are concerned she is not torn enough. But unfortunately she has strength enough left to finish the film by choosing the lover, losing him, and suiciding.

"As always, Hollywood tries to make it appear as though the whole world centers around the relationship existing among the few people portrayed. Entirely ignored, in this case (distorted in others) are the social forces motivating their behavior and accounting for their fates. In this case the parasitical army of officers and owners of landed estates are polished up to form the background against which is reflected a "suffering" woman who cannot divorce because "we must uphold the sanctity of marriage" and the "example to the population."

"ANNA KARENINA" makes us glad the Russians had two revolutions."

P. S. The Warfield shows Hearst Metrotone News.

Down Lunatic Alley

By Julian Howard.

This is the era of TERA and SERA

the rotten old privy relabelled by FERA: First Aid Station to cope with collapse to cope with starvation— Boom—Boom—Boom—

This is the era of HOLC and NIRA

of WAB and DAI and T-V-A of mending the cavenin with dross and straw: Habacabdra! Hunger be stilled! Boom—Boom—Boom—

This is the era of cunuch magicians

casting a spell of pee youyou ai Sing a song of pee youyou ai and bring back, O, bring back Boom—Boom—Boom—

This is the era of soothsaying leaders

kingfish mudslinging at preacher and major the pot and the kettle and a wheezing old rattle all shouting together: Let us bring back—O Boom—Boom—Boom—

This is the era the silver spoon

will stick in the throat of the greedy old loon while London Bridges are falling down Paris Bridges—Berlin Bridges—New York Bridges falling down, falling down, falling Boom—Boom—Boom!

UNION ACTION FORCES CUT IN CANNERY HOURS

YOUTH CONGRESS REPORT HELPS WORKERS

By a Cannery Worker.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—As a result of organizational agitation for the Cannery Workers' Union, workers in the California Cannery, at 5000 Long Beach Boulevard, Los Angeles, have won shorter hours and are making approximately the same wages now in 12 hours as they formerly did in 16 hours.

The American Youth Congress report on cannery working conditions, printed in the Western Worker, which was filed with the Labor Commission, also aided in winning shorter hours and better conditions.

Formerly the workers were compelled to work 15 to 16 hours a day to as late as 2 a. m., during periods when the fruit crops came in. Now they work 12 hours a day until 8:30 or 9 p. m.

Two tables for minors, employing 35 girls each, work from about 9:30 a. m. until 7 or 8 p. m. They are making almost the same wages they did when they worked 12 hours.

The union agitation has also won the concession from the company of a new men's restroom.

The Union, which is seeking to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, has held six meetings so far, with new members signing up each meeting. It will carry on the fight for still better working conditions.

Postal Clerks Ask Union Solidarity

ATLANTA, Sept. 13.—Solidarity in the ranks of all post office employees is urged in a resolution adopted by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, an affiliate of the A. F. of L., which is in session here. The federation asked the United Association of Post Office clerks, a parallel union, to affiliate with it and with the A. F. of L.

Sailors Union Opens Marine Hiring Hall In Hawaiian Islands

HONOLULU, Sept. 13.—For the first time in the history of the island a marine union hiring hall has been established here under the jurisdiction of the Sailors' union of the Pacific.

Moving rapidly upon their arrival here, representatives of the Sailors' union and the Marine Firemen, Wipers and Oilers began to dispatch all deckmen and firemen through the hall in spite of constant annoyance by Chief of Police W. A. Gabrielson.

The union representatives are Max Weisbarth of Portland, Ore., representing the seamen, and Charles W. Post, territorial agent for the firemen.

Officials of the Matson Line have made no apparent efforts to challenge the jurisdiction of the union men who have been under constant attack by Chief Gabrielson.

The police chief has issued statements charging the men with responsibility for the shooting of a sailor in what he called a "union quarrel" and has tried to arouse resentment against Weisbarth by stating that he has a "police record" in Portland in connection with maritime strife there.

Gabrielson says he is "keeping a constant watch over the activities of the union representatives."

Challenge Sent To District 13 In Daily Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—District 12 of the Communist Party, including Oregon, Washington and Idaho, has challenged District 13, including California, Arizona, and Nevada, to revolutionary competition in the present \$60,000 drive for the Daily Worker.

District 13 has accepted the challenge and pledges itself to fulfill its quota before District 12. The quotas are: District 12, \$7,500; District 13, \$1,500.

THE RED MENACE

By Stephen Peacock
"Are there flyspecks on the window?
And wrinkles on the prunes?
IS there a tapeworm plague in China?
And a spot upon the moon?
CHORUS: "It's them reds, It's them reds."
(From a poem by Cincinnatus, dedicated to the Chamber of Commerce)

Early one morning somewhere about 1847 or '48, Karl Marx, who had been inhaling too many El Ropes, decided to disrupt the universe so he invented a terrible device called the "class struggle." Before that, the world had been one happy family, but hell has been popping ever since.

The climax to the whole gigantic red conspiracy to besmirch the pillars of the globe was reached when Willie Hearst informed a startled world that Roosevelt goes to bed tightly grasping a copy of the Communist Manifesto, while under his pillow is parked Volume I, "Das Capital."

And well-informed Washington correspondents report that the real reason Roosevelt declared a "breathing spell" was to give himself a chance to digest Volumes 2 and 3.

* SAN FRANCISCO IS CENTER

Anybody who knows anything agrees that not Moscow, but San Francisco is the center of the world revolution. Paul Scharrenberg, speaking recently under the auspices of the police at the Oakland Municipal Auditorium, quoted no less an authority than Antediluvian Andy Fursuth to prove that the reds are not interested in the sailors, except for the purpose of carrying red literature around the world. Scharrenberg, by the way, is author of that soul-stirring romance "From Sailor to Stenographer."

What may look like herring from Sweden, crabs from Japan or caviar from Russia being unloaded at San Francisco is nothing but red literature. And who do you think is at the head of the plot? Nobody else but Mr. Plotnitzky (Alias Thomas Plant, head of the Waterfront Employers).

Mr. Plotnitzky is constantly trying to keep the waterfront in a state of turmoil, to make it easier for Bridges to plant the red flag there when Der Tag (The Day) arrives.

* SAN FRANCISCO AND ETHIOPIA

While all the facts are not yet available, there is no doubt whatever that there is a direct connection between the Maritime Federation and Haile Selassie, whose right name is Hymie Salutzy. The best proof in the world is that both the Maritime Federation and Salutzy insist on sticking up for their rights, even if they have to fight for it. And poor old Italy, like the Industrial Ass'n wants nothing but peace, and a big peace, in fact the whole piece.

First class military experts point out that what is likely to happen is, after the Ethiopian Navy destroys defenseless Italy, Hymie will help Harry to capture the waterfront here.

* MUNICIPAL ELECTION PLOT

What better way to demonstrate the insidious

nature of the red plot to corrupt San Francisco before destroying it, than to expose the United Labor Party plot to elect its candidate, Redferr Mason, as mayor. Mason for twenty years "bored from within" Hearst's San Francisco Examiner as a music critic.

But wait until Hearst gives you the real low down on it. He will say that Mason's real name is Redfront Masounevichsky, who betrayed Hearst's trust in him by using musical criticism as a medium for revolution and sabotage. For example, an ordinary reader of the Examiner would read Mason's criticism of some artist that "He played Handel's Largo too staccato."

But what did it really mean? Hearst will prove that it was a code message, sent by the Communist, addressed to the longshoremen of San Francisco who decoded it as "Handle cargo with a stiletto."

After thus digging under the City Hall for twenty years, Redfront now prepares to move in so he can light the fuse concealed in the cellar.

* SANTA ROSA PLOT

Another remarkable example of how the reds will stop at nothing to disrupt the country was furnished at Santa Rosa. Here 100 per cent American workers, who cherish the opportunity to work for two bits an hour, or a day or something like that, were happy as hell and getting along fine. Then along came a bunch of reds disguised as vigilantes. They tarred and feathered themselves just to scare the workers out of Sonoma County and spoil the crop.

The thing was so obvious that no less a legal mind than Attorney General Webb of California stated that there was nothing to investigate.

And just to prove that everything was hotsy tetsy in Sonoma, San Francisco relief officials took men off relief, where they were rapidly going to the dogs, and gave them a chance to recuperate morally and financially. All they had to do was hopskip and jump around the hop fields for only 12 or 14 hours a day, and in three weeks time they could earn about \$3.49 net, following which they could buy a Packard and send the family to the beach for the rest of the winter.

And to think that along came another bunch of reds who insulted the relief officials, and tried to interfere with the sacred right of American citizens to earn a living, by hollering that 30c a day was not a living wage.

* FLORIDA INCIDENT

Thus far the reds have not been charged with the storm in Florida, although hints have been made that the weather man was responsible for what happened. We agree that the weather forecast is just as responsible for a storm he predicts as was Karl Marx responsible for predicting class struggles under capitalism.

We propose, in the name of the Constitution, that in order to prevent future hurricanes in Florida, cyclones in Kansas and "disasters" in San Francisco, that all weather men who predict storms be charged with Criminal Syndicalism. Henceforth let us have only "Fair and Warmer."

DEMANDS OF PACIFIC COAST SEAMEN EXPLAINED BY SAILOR

Higher Wages, Better Living Quarters, Six-Hour Day Needed, Must Do Away With "Third Party" Arbitration

By Davey Jones.

This is the third and concluding article on seamen's conditions, by a rank and file member of the International Seamen's Union.

In the two preceding articles I have tried to give a picture of conditions under which seamen have been working in the past and under which we are working today. To try and tell of conditions in the future is impossible to the extent of setting any definite time, although there are certain conditions that we know will exist eventually. However, I will try to point out what we should have as compared with what we have.

* Wages. First in the matter of wages. I mentioned in the last article a minimum wage of \$62.50 for able seamen, and \$45 for ordinary seamen, as in the present award. In the present negotiations we are asking for \$90 per month for A. B.'s on offshore vessels, \$100 per month on steam schooners, and \$75 per month for ordinary seamen on both classes of vessels. We feel that this is not asking too much as the shipowners would like to have the general public believe.

We offer as proof of our statement the fact that at present articles of agreement between the Sailors' Union and the separate shipowners are in existence which provide for \$90 per month for A. B.'s, \$65 for ordinary seamen and other ratings in proportion. Also living conditions and working rules far superior to any award handed down by arbitration. I might add that the last mentioned articles of agreement were drawn up and signed directly with the shipowners by a rank and file committee of seamen.

* Abolish "Awards"

This is the way all agreements should be. When the time comes when we get away from awards and so-called "neutral" third parties drawing up such awards then

Philosophers' Club Announces Meeting

OAKLAND, Sept. 12.—The Philosophers' Club announces speakers at its open air meeting on the Central Trade School grounds, Eleventh at Jefferson streets, on Sunday, Sept. 15, will be Alex Noral, state organizer of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations and Ernest Besig of the American Civil Liberties Union. Noral's subject will be "The New Social Security and the WPA," while Besig will speak on "Vigilantism in California." Everybody is welcome.

'Waiting for Nothing' Censored By English

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Tom Kromer's book "Waiting for Nothing" has just appeared in a British edition with one entire chapter deleted and in its place a colored insert explaining the publisher's reason for leaving it out. This remarkable piece of censorship was put through without the author's consent or even his knowledge.

This book, "a document of the under-dog in the depression" has had a wide sale in America since its publication last spring.

* Living Quarters.

In some of the smaller ships and freighters conditions are somewhat better inasmuch as the sailors are usually divided up in two or three fo'c's'les, but in nearly every case the fo'c's'les are small and poorly accommodated. The usual arrangement is three or four men in a room which is too small for two men to be comfortable. The result is bunks are two high and sufficient locker space can't be provided nor such ordinary articles of furniture as chairs and a table.

What we would like to see is rooms on deck, two men to a room, single bunks, chairs, table, magazine racks and facilities for writing letters, and a settee and other incidentals and above all to have room enough to take a step without banging your nose against the bulk head. In short, a room where a man could relax after a day's work. And though a sailor's life could never be a divine pleasure it could be bearable.

Of course we aren't asking for such a complete change at this time, only that which is possible under present conditions to get. To get such conditions the ships would have to be to a certain extent rebuilt and it is hardly logical to assume that will take place until

PAMPHLETS

"War in Africa," by James W. Ford and Harry Gannes, Workers Library Publishers, 31 pp., price 5 cents.

In the Harlem upsurge of March 19, 1935, the Negro people expressed their hatred of Italian fascism and its plans for war against their Ethiopian brothers. Italian liquor shops were smashed with cries of, "Down With Mussolini!"

Ethiopia is peopled by ten to fifteen million of the Negro and Hamito-Semitic race. Ethiopia comprises 350,000 square miles of extremely fertile agricultural land, capable of producing cotton, sugar, coffee, and fruits. In the mountains are rich oil pools, iron, gold, platinum and other valuable mineral products. The Blue Nile has its source in Ethiopia—and the waters of the Blue Nile hold the future of the Sudan Cote fields.

On December 14, 1934, Great Britain signed a secret deal with Italy guaranteeing the mutual destruction of Ethiopia's independence. But President Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent an "observer" to Ethiopia when Mussolini first announced his contemplated Ethiopian adventure. Wall Street had gained a \$20,000,000 construction contract in Ethiopia!

In Italy proper the condition of the Italian workers and peasants had been getting worse and the people were becoming restless under the starvation and ruthless suppression of the Fascist regime. Italian exports were dropping and inflation threatened.

There is meat in this pamphlet—plenty of it. It is now in its third printing and selling fast. The crux of the Italian aggression in Ethiopia is given in 31 pages of statistical and very readable material. It is a valuable booklet.

BANKS ORDERED SERA WORKERS FOR HOP YARDS

VIGILANTES STAND OVER PICKETS IN SONOMA

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Sept. 12.—The SERA relief workers and transient unemployed who have been cut off relief rolls and forced into the hop fields here are being used in a slick racket. Certain large hop buying firms have seen to it that these conscripted workers were sent to the large ranches from which these same firms buy hops.

The hop buyers, tied up closely with the banks, have set a wage scale of \$1.25 a hundred pounds which the growers are to pay the pickers. The workers' mass resistance to this made the scheme more or less a flop, and to coax men to stay in the yards an increase to \$1.50 a hundred has been offered to those who stay through the season. If they quit before the end of the picking they get the lower scale.

At the same time these large ranches, heavily mortgaged and therefore controlled by the banks, are not resisting the low hop prices offered by the buyers. In turn, this forces down the price for the small farmer, who would like to pay more to his pickers and give them better conditions but can't.

Mr. Proctor, a broker for a large hop-buying concern, has been the active leader of this movement, having headed a committee of business men who visited the relief administration offices in San Francisco to get the thing under way. In Santa Rosa he works closely with Roger Thomas of the National Re-employment Service, telling him to what ranches to send the men.

In these large, banker-controlled hop yards, well organized gangs of vigilantes ride or walk up and down amongst the pickers constantly, telling them what they'll do to "agitators" who object to the wages.

"Home of the Brave" To Be Staged in L. A.

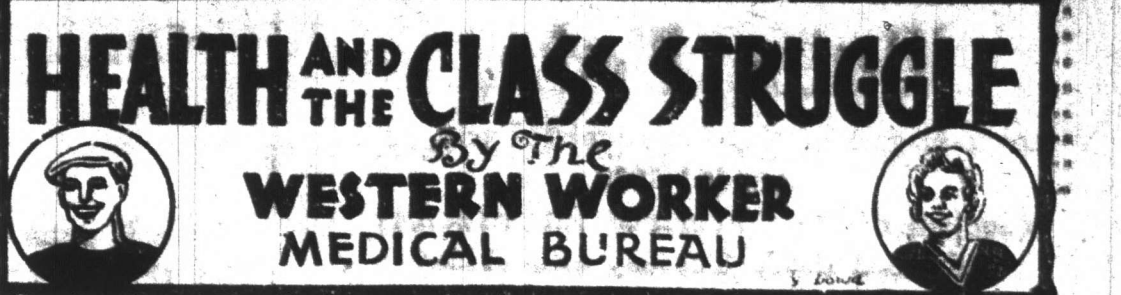
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10.—First fall production of the Contemporary Theater will be "Home of the Brave," an original play by Mildred Ashe and Jeff Kibbe, dealing with the unemployed relief situation, it was announced here today.

Max Pollack, New York and Hollywood director, will stage "Home of the Brave." Casting is under way at the Contemporary Theater Headquarters, 3527 Whitehouse Place, and an invitation has been issued to all workers and friends of the left-wing theater to try out for roles in the play.

Last season the Contemporary Theater successfully produced "Peace on Earth" and "Sailors of Cattaro."

The Sacramento C.S. Case

To be published soon: A complete pamphlet on the notorious Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.



By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

Political quackery and medical quackery go hand in hand. This has never been shown so clearly as in the Bernarr McFadden publications. While his "Health" magazines support many fake methods of getting well, other magazines of his attack Soviet Russia and the Communist Party, using the same sort of lies and half-truths.

McFadden's "Physical Culture" magazine proposes to make every one healthy by developing his muscles. But any one with the slightest medical training knows that strong muscles do not necessarily make for better health and that most muscle-bound men are sometimes very unhealthy.

Let us listen to a former follower of Bernarr McFadden. This comrade followed the instructions in "Physical Culture" until finally he suffered a complete physical breakdown and has been having them ever since.

Laguna Honda Home San Francisco

Dear Comrade:

I have had several physical breakdowns—so-called nervous breakdowns—in the last few years. The first one occurred about 12 years ago. I was considerably run down and became very much interested in physical culture. I got the "Physical Culture" magazine regularly and saw the pictures of strong men, telling how they got that way. I practiced the different exercises, some of which were quite strenuous, for some time.

I got some trouble in my stomach and was induced to go on a partial fast of three quarters of skim milk a day. I kept up the exercises and it was not long until I had a breakdown. For about a year I was in hospitals and sanitariums. I spent over \$1,000 but got no results. My money was gone.

This letter, which is quite long, exposes the fakery of the McFadden publications better than a dozen editorials.

TAR AND FEATHERS

Western Worker Medical Bureau:

Well comrades, we don't know which of us will be hauled out next and get an application of tar and feathers. So I think it's a good idea for the medical end of the Western Worker to tell us what to do first, to begin to get the "cussed" stuff off—without taking off all the skin, and part of the meat. Is it wise to get medical care?

A Comrade J.E.M. Oakland

ANSWER: Tar and feathers is a disease spread by that species of California rat, Vigilante. Prevention is always better than cure and this is best accomplished by spraying the surroundings of the

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Peace on Earth to Show in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif., Sept. 12.—"Peace on Earth," the antiwar play which ran in San Francisco for a month, is to be presented at the Campus Theater, Bancroft Way in Berkeley, September 27 and 28.

The cast will be the same as in San Francisco and the play will be presented for the benefit of the Worker's Summer School at the University of California next summer. The surplus will be used for getting scholarships for as many students as possible.

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Labor's Own Candidate— Redfern Mason

Clean government, no graft, reduction of taxes, reorganization and a dozen other promises equally worthless face the voters at every election. Reading the recently announced platform of Harry L. Todd, candidate for Mayor of San Francisco, you will hear all these promises, all very vague. The same is true of any other candidate you have ever voted for, if you voted the usual Democratic or Republican tickets. No wonder most persons approach election time with a feeling of cynicism, a feeling they are going to be betrayed again.

It is difficult for disillusioned voters to realize that they are faced with a different choice this election. There is for the first time in San Francisco history a candidate chosen by a united front of sincere labor and liberal organizations, pledged, not to windy promises of more expenditures and less taxes, but to a definite program embracing the demands of labor for a union town, with civil rights preserved to the people, striving to get the best conditions possible for those with jobs or without jobs.

As its candidate for mayor, the United Labor Party in the municipal election picked Redfern Mason, chosen by the newspaper men of Northern California to be head of their own organization, the Newspaper Guild.

At the Wednesday night meeting of the Guild, Redfern Mason told why he had been chosen. The United Labor Campaign Committee, in asking him to run for mayor, gave three reasons. First, he is incorruptible.

Second, he is a Hearst victim. He was forced off the San Francisco Examiner, where he had been music critic, for his union activities in organizing the Guild.

Third, he is a friend of labor.

No conscientious worker can oppose the program of the United Labor Party. Neither can he take exception to its candidate. Beyond being a friend of labor, the candidacy of Redfern Mason represents the realization that workers of brain must combine with workers of brawn in the fight against their common enemy, the employing class which has hitherto dominated San Francisco politics.

Assassination—Nightmare of Capitalist Politics

The assassination of Dictator Huey Long brings to a close one chapter in the history of Louisiana politics, and opens another with chance but no immediate solution.

The modern welter of graft, vice, corruption, and suppression of democratic rights by the "strong men" of political machines, with the bloody and violent consequences seen in the shooting climax, defies description, and will present itself to residents of Soviet America not many years hence as an amazing nightmare.

The Communist Party in New Orleans promptly condemned the political murder, pointing out that "the Communist Party is as unalterably opposed to acts of terrorism as we are to the rule of Huey Long in this state," and declaring that the Communist Party is firm in its fight for the restitution of the constitutional rights of the people of Louisiana, and is supporting the formation of a Labor Party to that end.

This step is proven more emphatically necessary by developments following Long's death. With wild rumors of a plot on the part of the "outs," culminating in Dr. Weiss "getting the black ball" and being committed to the death act; and with Long's machine in a wild scramble for the remnants of power and pelf; the administration of the state portrays the destructive lunacy inherent in capitalist political life. The workers and professionals everywhere are beginning to recognize that this is the condition on which all city and state politics verge, due to old party and machine control.

Sweep away the Longs and their successors; bring an end to the criminal rapidity of old party politics; thwart the anti-labor trends of capitalist politicians by means of a sweeping Labor Party victory.

The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence

Every reactionary business man in the country, who has done his best to suppress the liberties we associate with the name Americanism, is raising a howl for the observance of Constitution Day on Sept. 17, the 148th anniversary of the Constitution.

The reason is quite simple. The Constitution, founded in a day and age when the requirements of government were totally different than at present, contains restrictions which limit government interference with their right to do as they please.

Typical of the state of mind of the person who today hollers "preserve the Constitution" is the treatment of another great American document, the Declaration of Independence. The reactionary McFadden publication, Liberty, in its July 13 issue, printed the beginning of the Declaration of Independence on the cover. After reciting the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it breaks off after these words "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends it is the Right of the . . ." That much is safe, but the rest of the sentence, tucked away in small type on an inside page, expresses an inalienable right of the American people, which the capitalists backing Constitution Day want to be forgotten. The balance of the sentence reads: "the people to alter or to abolish, and to institute a new government, laying its

Communist Party Asks for Labor Unity

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cause if outside wages are lower than those paid on the projects, there is every justification for low W.P.A. rates.

This question is therefore part of a general whole. Union labor must take vigorous steps to protect its wage scales. It must not only actively organize the agricultural workers into auxiliary unions, but must also aid in organizing the unemployed on W.P.A. jobs to maintain union scales of pay, and must also work closely with all unemployed organizations, giving them voice and also vote in central labor bodies so that uniform action may be followed.

* Militant Program Essential.

In general, the program of this year's convention must follow a militant line if the employers, ever-active and determined Open Shop advocates (no matter how they praise Scharenberg and others of his kind) are to be defeated.

We of the Communist Party, active fighters for democracy in the unions, we who militantly and without compromise fight the employers and their political tools to forward the struggle of labor, as Tom Mooney and other militants have done through the years, now urge upon all delegates mature consideration of the following briefly stated measures:

1.—The defeat of Paul Scharenberg for secretaryship of the California State Federation of Labor, and election of a secretary who will represent the progressive tendencies of labor. Election of rank and file delegates throughout.

2.—Endorsement of the United Labor Party for California; such action to be urged upon all local bodies until 100 per cent unity of all progressive forces is established.

3.—100 per cent organization of labor, professional, unemployed, and all trades, crafts and industries. Immediate organizational steps to be taken.

4.—Fostering of the industrial form of organization in every possible case, to give labor greater unity and more mobility in action against the employers, as in the case of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. This not to infringe upon, but to supplement and strengthen A. F. of L. organization.

5.—Endorsement of the Luncheon Bill for Unemployment and Social Insurance, known as H.R. 2827, and the State Unemployment Insurance Bill, known as A.B. 791, (the Pelletier Bill), and the Marcantonio Bill for full and immediate payment of the bonus.

6.—For trade union unity and the guarantee of the rights of the membership to any and all political beliefs as guaranteed by the Constitution.

7.—Vigorous condemnation of vigilantism, with provision of a broad united front against employer gangster terrorist and "beef squad" methods of smashing militant action.

8.—Release of Tom Mooney and the Criminal Syndicists prisoners and the repeal of this vicious anti-labor legislation.

9.—Determined opposition to the W.P.A. slave wage-scales, which were deliberately shaped to reduce union wages; and organization of employed and unemployed to provide adequate united resistance.

10.—Unqualified opposition to war and the shipment of war materials; condemnation and expulsion of all so-called labor leaders who support war, which is used to make workers murder workers in the interests of profit-makers, and imperialist power.

11.—Organization of the youth, not only in unions, but in sports auxiliaries of every kind, to bring youth to the support of and understanding of organized labor, and prevent them being used for fascist, anti-labor purposes.

* The Communist Party Position.

Many other measures of a special kind such as protest of the Florida veteran mass-murder scandal, suggest themselves, all part of a broad basis for militant program construction. It is this broad basis, and equally broad unity, that the Communist Party urges upon all delegates.

And it is the interest of this unity and increased fighting strength that we urge united action, on our part willingly undertaking to join forces and work faithfully and constructively for common purposes as exemplified in a United Labor Party and the whole preceding program, though by no means submerging our Party as a whole, any more than Epic or Utopian members would surrender their political identity and desire for social change.

The future belongs to Labor, of this we are confident.

We are likewise sure that if we can unite our forces behind a minimum program, we can defeat Open Shop, fascism, and suppression of the trade unions and Constitutional rights, and preserve freedom of speech and assembly and all precious human liberties.

We also state frankly that our final objective is to abolish capitalism and its hideous miseries, its exploitation, and its profit-seeking motives that lead to wars of conquest and imperialist domination of colonial peoples.

You need not agree with this objective now in order to unite with us in defense of common rights.

But the need for unity is stronger at this moment than such political disagreements, and every moment brings the danger of fascism nearer.

We must unite our forces immediately, leaving our ultimate aims for later consideration.

Every attempt to exclude the Communists is the beginning of tactics to split the entire labor movement and destroy the unity that alone can build strength to equal and overcome that of the employers.

Trade unionists, fellow-workers, delegates, we appeal to you to fight with determination for complete unity of ranks.

Forward to a sweeping victory for labor in the coming year.

Fraternally yours,
DISTRICT COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST
PARTY OF CALIF.

foundation on such principles, and organizing its power in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

That right, we want to remind the members of the Constitution Society, still stands.

OPEN FORUM

A SCHOOL TEACHER GROWS OLD

Omaha, Neb.
Editor, Western Worker: Really I do not see how I am to manage much further. I can teach school,—have for years, 48 of 'em. But now, you know it just can't be done at 69 years. And, to be honest, it should not be done. But then, what? I am willing and anxious, am capable, as far as being prepared with papers and all that—a life certificate. But no! Must give it to younger teacher. But shall we starve and beg because we are too old to teach or work for a living? I am owing \$18 on my room rent; no job, no home, no income. But I have to eat and sleep as well as other folks. Why can't the leaders and bosses see it? We are still human, if our heads are white.

If things don't brighten up soon I'll have to apply to the State dole for sustenance. Just can't get by longer. Nothing for our necessities. It is a shame! And all of us old "war horses" standing on the corners, starving practically.

I've lived on two meals per day all this year, and some days only one, and that is toast and coffee, without cream. Where is the justice of it all? I've tried to be a "good fellow"—wait and wait and now I'm ill, doctoring, and can't pay the bills. I am mad and ready to fight. Who wouldn't?

Something will happen one of these days. Enough is enough. Other people in the U.S.A. have good sense as well as a few who live in Washington, D.C., and plenty more people are mad, too.

What can we who are too old to work, do? A happy suggestion would be mighty welcome. Here is hoping there is a bright day for all of us.

Yours very truly

E.L.P.

LABOR PARTY

San Francisco, Sept. 12, 1935.
Comrade Editor:

With a strong Labor Party movement launched in San Francisco and the East Bay, we can begin to consider in detail how its political power may be used.

I'd like to see enacted, perhaps, as city ordinances, and later as state laws, a series of measures prohibiting Criminal Fascism, Criminal Fascism, (and fascism, of course, is always criminal) is the use of advocacy of violence against workers, against their picket lines, meetings, meeting places, halls, homes. Criminal Fascism, and membership in an organization which advocates it, should be made punishable by very severe penalties.

One of the chief responsibilities of the Labor Party will be to hold off fascism. It can do this only by outlawing vigilantes and other fascist bands, disarming them and breaking up their organizations.

Once the workers know what fascism is, once they know that vigilantes and beef squads and red-baiting are only the beginning of a merciless and brutal drive against all workers, they will stand solidly behind the Labor Party and form a united front that fascism can't break.

Comradely yours,
J.C.

News of WORKERS' SCHOOLS

The San Francisco Workers' School is planning the second event in its program of Educational Lectures in presenting several prominent speakers from the Campaign Committee of the Labor Ticket who will discuss "The Need for a Labor Party" on the evening of September 20, at 121 Haight Street. Lawrence Ross and Ben Legere will be two of those speaking while a third speaker may also be on the program who cannot be announced at present.

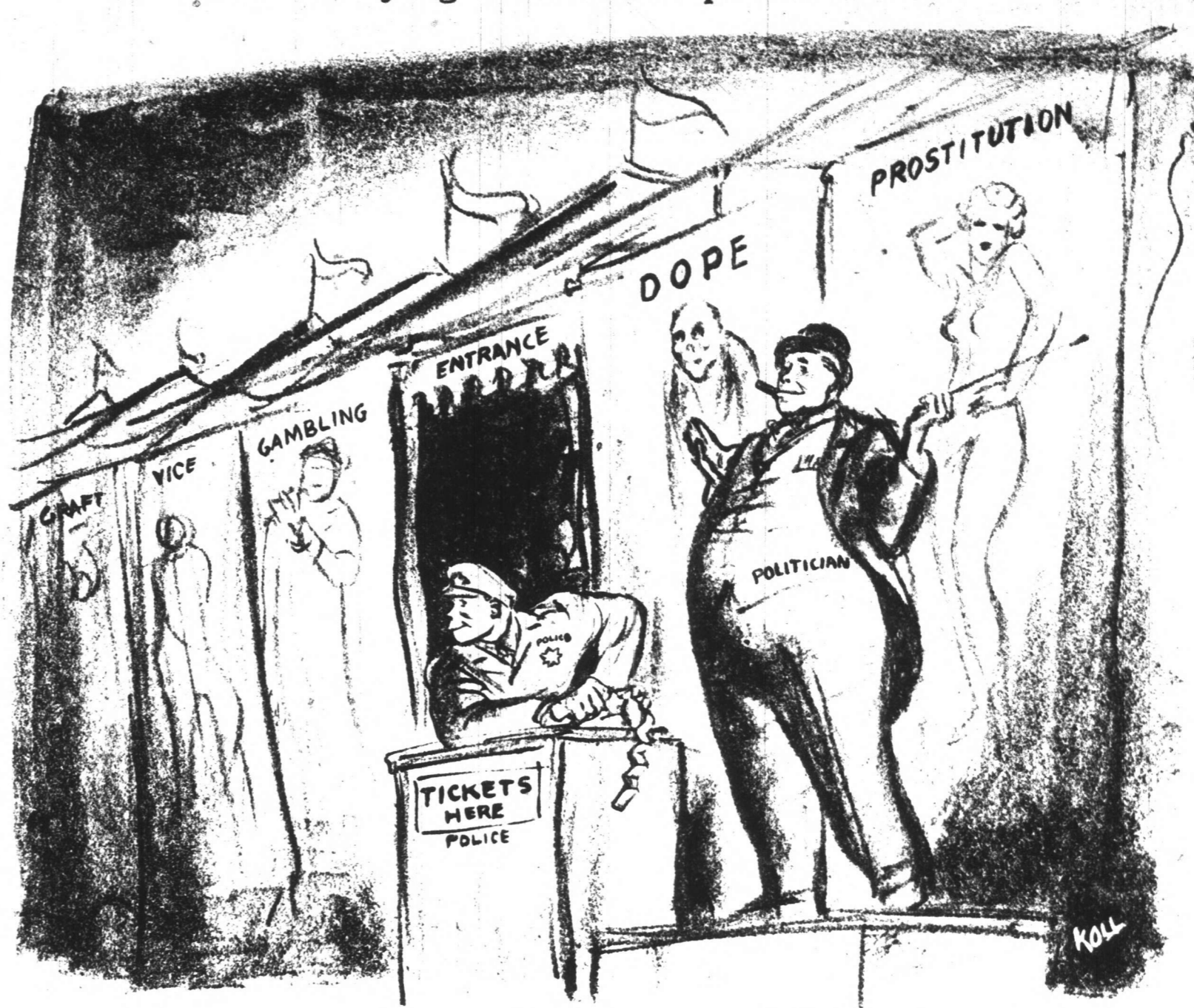
At this time when all workers, intellectuals, and liberals are interested in the Labor Ticket campaign, there is a crying need for adequate explanation of what a Labor Party would be and how it could serve the people of the nation.

The Workers' School Educational Lecture Extension Department is planning many such evenings with timely subjects for discussion. After the discussion of the speakers, there will be dancing, refreshments and entertainment.

* New Courses Announced for School.

The new advanced courses are now being prepared for the Workers' School Fall term. Registration is now open for classes in Advanced Marxian Economy and Teachers Training Course. These classes will not start until October and until the register of students for them is filled. Students who have attended classes in Ele-

Now Playing—the Municipal Circus



Fighting Survivals of Capitalism in U.S.S.R.

Remnants of the Old Order Found in Many Places

By Milton O'Rourke

The Soviet Union, like every-

thing else that exists, can be un-

derstood only when it is consid-

ered in the process of its develop-

ment, only when it is regarded

as developing from certain forms

of existence toward other forms.

To be specific, it is developing

from capitalist, czarist, semi-feu-

dal Russia, to socialism. Nineteen

thirty-five and everything that hap-

pens during the year, represents

a stage in this evolutionary de-

velopment. And this is only the

eighteenth year since the workers

seized power and started society

in this direction. So that at present

you have remnants of capital-

ism existing side by side with

new socialist forms of life. All

the particular ratio or relative

strength of the two hostile ele-

ments varies in different parts of

the country. Development is not

even in all localities. There are

more survivals of capitalism in

the country than in the city, more

in the less industrialized regions

where for lack of the modern

means of production which social-

ism requires, development has been

slower.

What are the survivals of capi-

talism and how do they manifest

themselves? Private property in

the means of production, privately

conducted trade, waste, sloth, anti-

social behavior, philistinism, boot-

licking, drunkenness, prostitution,

individualism (I don't mean indi-

viduality, but lack of social con-

sciousness), egotistical calculation,

poverty and beggary. Most of

these things I have encountered

here, and I have no doubt that

all (and probably many more

capitalist survivals) exist in some

degree.

* Capitalist Survivals

I have seen drunkards, some

who could hardly navigate. If

you walk through the center of

town, you can see three to half

a dozen beggars almost any time

(almost universally peasant wo-

men who, like the beggars of Mex-

ico, exploit their children in their

"trade"). Here, however, they are

not beggars from necessity, since

they could easily get jobs, but

from ignorance, bad habit, d-

laziness, i.e. from the effects of

capitalism on the mind. The

first month I was here I was so-

lited by two prostitutes, but

since then I haven't seen one (im-

agine a city of three million peo-

ple without a vice section! And

remember that at the time of the

revolution there were thirty thou-

sand registered prostitutes in Mos-

cow, which at that time contained

less than a million inhabitants).

Once, in a worker's apartment

house, where I was visiting a

friend, I saw a man beat his wife

unmercifully, (but unlike the old-

en days, when Russians beat their

wives as a matter of course, the

neighbors promptly stopped this

fellow, and I was told the house

committee put him on trial before

the other residents); I was propo-

sitioned by a speculator the first

day in Leningrad, and by one

other since I've been in Moscow;

some of the hotel employees fall

all over themselves if you tip

them in gold, and a few will re-

mind you to tip them; once I saw

a teamster drive his wagon, un-

concerned as hell, over a suitcase

full of books a little girl dropped

while crossing the street; my land-

lord, of the old intelligentsia,

though pleasant and a staunch

Soviet citizen, certainly took ad-

vantage of my predicament and

ignorance when he charged me

fourteen dollars a month, instead

of nine or ten, for my room, etc.

* C.P. Fights Survivals

The party has unceasingly waged

a strong campaign against bu-

reaucracy, the survivals of capi-

talism in economic life and in the

consciousness of the people. And

in doing so it is combating some-

thing real, and not merely shadow-

boxing. Also, the still inadequate

level of production is responsible

for a standard of living that re-

sembles that of employed workers

in Europe.

So, at this stage of develop-

ment, there are still ugly things

in evidence, there is still a "seamy

side" of life. Any one who comes

to the Soviet Union with the idea

that all these evils have been

liquidated, that the antithesis be-

tween the Soviet Union and the

capitalist world is synonymous

with the Biblical opposition of

good and evil, in the sense that

both are unmixable, will get a shock,

and will walk over his disillusion-

ment. But these above-named

evils, which are still found here,

and which capitalist apologists take

such delight in "discovering," are

precisely the products of capital-

ism, and together with its power-

ful means of production, and its

two classes, the exploiters and

Ugly Maladjustments Will Be Corrected Under Socialism

exploited, are the distinguishing features of capitalism. And in crowding over their "discoveries," they are really crowding over their own filthy diseases.

* Capitalist Blight